



Wheaton Park District

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners
SUBCOMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday May 6, 2026
DuPage County Historical Museum
102 E. Wesley Street, Wheaton, IL 60187
5:00 pm**

Public Notice Date May 4, 2026

Public notice is hereby given that the Board of Park Commissioners of the Wheaton Park District, DuPage County, Illinois (the “Park Board”) will hold a Subcommittee Meeting on Wednesday May 6, 2026, at the DuPage County Historical Museum 102 E. Wesley Street, Wheaton, IL 60187

**Please contact Michael J. Benard, Board Secretary, for further information.
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Michael J. Benard
Secretary

The Agenda for the May 6, 2026, Subcommittee Meeting is as Follows:

Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in this meeting should contact the park district’s ADA Compliance Officer, Michael Benard, at the park district’s Administrative Office, 102 E. Wesley Street, Wheaton, IL Monday through Friday from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Requests for a qualified ASL interpreter require five (5) working days advance notice. Telephone number 630.945-7726; fax number 630.665.5880; email dsiciliano@wheatonparks.org



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Subcommittee Meeting of the Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners May 6, 2026, 5:00 pm

No Action Will Be Taken at This Meeting – Review & Discussion Only

COMMUNITY INPUT

Public comments are important to the Board. However, it is the Board's policy not to take action on items until time has been taken to gather information and discuss all options. Lack of action does not imply lack of interest in the issues. During the community input portion of the agenda the Board typically will ask residents to provide input prior to accepting input from nonresidents.

The purpose of the public participation is to allow the public the opportunity to make a statement to the Board. The purpose of public participation is not to provoke a debate with the Board. Once an individual has spoken, that individual may not speak on the same issue again. Any limitation regarding addressing the Board may be waived by the President.

Except during the public comment portion of the regular Board agenda, or as stated in this rule, no person other than the Executive Director or the District's Attorney may address the Board.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Buildings and Grounds

1. **Rice Pool and Waterpark** – Review of Exploratory Survey Draft
- aQity Research and Insights Inc.
2. **Cosley Zoo** – Review of 25 Year Vision for Exhibit Renovation Draft
3. **Atten Park** – Review Proposal for Streambank Stabilization Engineering, IEPA 319 Grant Application, and Cost Sharing Agreement
4. **Northside Park** – Review of Bid Results for Lagoon Sediment Settling Basin Dredging Project
5. **Northside Park** – Review of Engineering Additional Services Proposal for Lagoon Sediment Settling Basin Dredging Project

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6. **Ray Morrill Community Center** – Review of Change Order No. 1 for Interior Renovation Project Phase 3
7. **Alcohol Sales and Service on Park District Property** – Review of Proposed Alcohol Sales and Service for 2026 Events at Cosley Zoo and DuPage County Historical Museum
8. **Rice and Northside Pools** – Review of Bid Results for Chemical Purchases
9. **Vehicle Purchase** – Review of a quotes received for a 2026 Ford F250 Regular Cab
10. **Vehicle Purchase** – Review of a quotes received for a 2026 Ford F150 4x4 Pickup Truck
11. **Vehicle Purchase** – Review of a quotes received for a 2026 Ford F450 Dump Truck
12. **Vehicle Purchase** – Review of a quotes received for a 2026 Ford F250 Crew Cab
13. **Vehicle Purchase** – Review of quotes received for a 2026 Ford Transit Van

Finance and Administration

1. **Wheaton Park District Finance Policies** – Review of Proposed Amendments
2. **Ordinance 2026-04** – Review of an Ordinance Approving the Disposal and Sale of Personal Property Owned by the Wheaton Park District.

CLOSED SESSION

- a. Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees, 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(1)
- b. The Selection of a Person to Fill a Vacancy in Public Office, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3).
- c. Purchase or Lease of Real Property, 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(5)
- d. Setting of Price for Sale or Lease of Property Owned by the Public Body, 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (6)
- e. Pending, Probable or Imminent Litigation, 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(11)
- f. Discussion of Minutes of Meetings Lawfully Closed Under this Act, Whether for Purposes of Approval by the Body of the Minutes or Semi-Annual Review of the Minutes, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)

ADJOURNMENT

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25 YEAR VISION FOR EXHIBIT RENOVATION

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The maps shared below illustrate the current exhibit map and the specific areas of the zoo associated with each phase. Phase 1 will include the aviary and rabbit exhibits because they were identified in the conditions audit as the highest priorities for action. Additional details of Phase 1 are provided below.

Current Exhibit Map:



Map of Phases 1-5:



Phases 1 & 1A: Burrows to Branches

- Prairie Dog Habitat
- Porcupine, Groundhog and Opossum Habitat
- Owl Walk-through Aviary
- Songbird Garden
- Phase 1A: Swift-fox Habitat

Phase 2: Northern Trail

- Coyote, American Badger, Canada Lynx, and Reindeer Habitats
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- Kiebler Barn Renovation
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Phase 4: Illinois Wetlands

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- Zoo Wetland Exhibit
- Expanded Nature Play Area
- Horticulture & Landscape Enhancements

Phase 5: Zoo Entrance and Welcome Center

- Updated Admissions Booths
- Indoor/Outdoor Café
- Expanded Gift Shop
- Zoo Staff Offices
- Traveling Exhibit Space



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY DRAFT

INTRODUCTION

The area renovation recommendations below have been determined using the Facility Conditions Report conducted for the Cosley Zoo Site Improvement Plan and anticipated case for support.

PHASE 1: BURROWS TO BRANCHES

Create a prairie dog habitat, a walkthrough owl aviary, update the porcupine and songbirds' habitats, and relocate the caboose.

- The rabbit yard, raptor and other area aviaries and ponds are rated in "poor to fair" condition on the Facility Conditions Report, therefore becoming the priority for renovation. Renovating the aviary and rabbit yards are listed as "Must Do".
- The caboose is a very busy activity center for children and therefore, loud and chaotic. The recommendation is to move the caboose away from animal exhibits, providing a less stressful environment for the animals in this area, improving animal welfare.
- These exhibit changes will improve zoo guest experience and stay time, as well as provide greater opportunity for educational interpretation.

PHASE 1A: SWIFT FOX

Create a new Swift Fox habitat on the north side of the zoo.

- Innovative new habitats are key for securing donor support and providing fresh experiences for zoo visitors.

PHASE 2: NORTHERN TRAIL

Make necessary updates to the North American animal habitats. Transition raccoon and white tailed deer habitats to American badger and reindeer habitats.

- Per the Facility Conditions Report, the deer holding building is in "Fair" condition; coyote, fox, and raccoon buildings are in "Fair to Good" condition; lynx holding is in "Good" condition and will remain as is.
- Reducing paving and creating more animal space, and a new comprehensive exhibit for raccoon/fox/coyote/deer which is listed as "Should Do" on the Facility Conditions Report.
- The plumbing infrastructures in the deer, coyote, fox and raccoon areas are beginning to fail, this deterioration will continue over time, creating more maintenance issues and require animals to be off exhibit for longer periods of time.

PHASE 3: ZOO FARM

Update the Keibler Barn and domestic animal area and add a dedicated service entrance. Review solutions for year round ADA accessible classroom space.

- Per the Facility Conditions Report, Kiebler Barn Holding/Classroom and Pig Holding are in "Fair/Good" condition with the Kiebler Barn Outside/Office Space/Hayloft and Rabbit/Chicken/Clinic Building and Holding in "Good" Condition.
- Modifying the ground floor of the barn, adding viewing windows to the classroom, modifying the shape of the domestic animal yards, and creating a goat bridge are all listed as "Should Do" items on the Facility Conditions Report.
- A goat bridge adds animal enrichment, a memorable visitor experience, and encourages repeat visits. Improved visibility and aesthetics will make the space more inviting and immersive.
- A dedicated service entrance increases operational efficiency, animal medical care services, feed and bedding deliveries, and access for dumpster pick up, etc. while reducing disruption in guest areas.
- Cosley Zoo currently lacks a year-round ADA-compliant classroom and rental space.



PHASE 4: ILLINOIS WETLANDS

Reduce the size of the duck pond and consider netting, expand nature play area, and add a boardwalk in the existing zoo detention pond/marsh. Enhance horticulture and consider adding a new aquatic habitat.

- Per the Facility Conditions Report, the duck pond pump building, and the Nature Play/Interactive Play areas are in "Fair" condition. (The integrity of the pond was not inspected for the Report, the pond does leak water requiring regular topping off.)
- Updating the nature play area and adding a boardwalk to allow guests to step into the zoo marsh are included in the Facility Conditions Report as "Would Like to Do".
- Providing netting over the pond would prevent wild mallard ducks from entering the zoo, potentially spreading disease and competing for food.
- Carefully planned landscaping will enhance the beauty of the zoo, improve water and air quality, and invite songbirds and pollinators to the property for guests to enjoy.
- Bringing in a new animal species provides a fresh experience for returning visitors and a draw for new visitors.

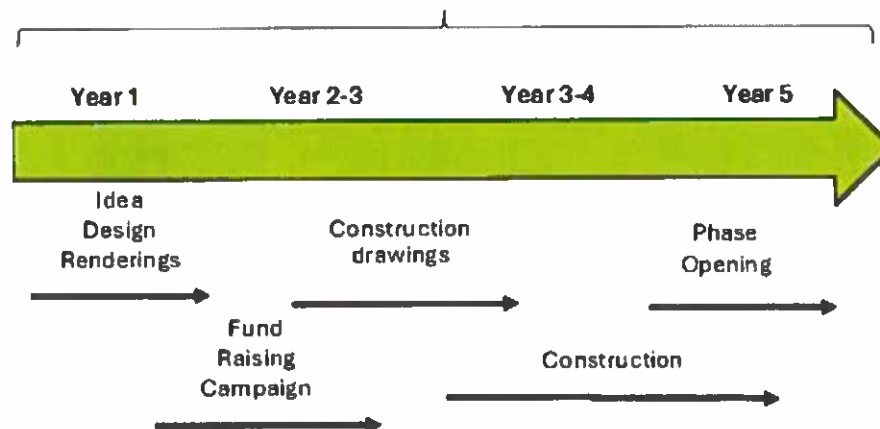
PHASE 5: WELCOME CENTER

Create a new visitor entrance by moving the admissions booths closer to the gate, expanding the gift shop and café, and address staff office space concerns. Update amphitheater and picnic area to beautify open space area.

- Per the Facility Conditions Report, the admissions booths, café, staff areas, amphitheater, and picnic area are in "Poor to Fair" condition; the amphitheater and the picnic area are in "Fair" condition.
- Relocating zoo admissions booths closer to the entry gate and existing parking lot, expanding the gift shop, improving cafe visibility, and relocating staff office facilities are all listed as "Should Do" in the Facility Conditions Report. Moving the amphitheater is listed on the Facility Conditions Report as "Should Do", and discussing options for picnic area space is listed as "Would Like to Do" in the Report.
- Added value. Traveling seasonal displays and exhibits which could be done in this area keep guests returning to the zoo more frequently, increasing the opportunity for revenue.

Expected Timeline Per Phase

Each phase is expected to cost 3-5 million except for Phase 5





Phase 1
Spring 2026



Project Executive Summary

This project centers on upgrading existing animal exhibits into contemporary, welfare-focused habitats that elevate both the quality of animal care and the overall visitor experience.

The approach transforms current structures into immersive, nature-inspired spaces that encourage species-appropriate behaviors while offering guests clearer, more engaging and innovated viewing opportunities.

A major emphasis is placed on operational effectiveness and animal well-being.



New Porcupine Habitat

New and enhanced animal management facilities will support efficient daily husbandry routines, reinforce safety measures, and provide staff with practical, well-designed work areas. These buildings will incorporate essential systems such as climate control, natural daylighting, durable finishes meeting industry standards.

The plan introduces a series of new and revitalized habitats aimed at new collection animals and enriching guest interaction. Key features include a modern aviary complex and prairie dog habitat, both designed to create interactive, educational moments. Several habitats are designed with flexible layouts such as central dividers, to allow flexible use depending on animal management needs. The aviary complex serves as a signature experience, offering both a close-up and a walkthrough.



Prairie Dog Habitat



Walkthrough Owl Aviary

Guests will have opportunities for unique interaction with bird species, complemented by additional exterior viewing options. Integrated landscaping, water features, and flexible plantings will create a vibrant, immerse environment for the birds.

Overall, the project achieves a thoughtful balance between animal welfare, operational practicality, and visitor engagement, resulting in adaptable, enriched habitats that support educational goals and uphold high standards of care.



Project Executive Summary

The project was designed with flexibility to be constructed either as a full build or in phases. The Opinion of Probable Cost for the overall project, based on the concept design, is **\$4,676,041.00**, reflecting **February 2026 market values**. The final amount will need to be escalated depending on the actual project start date.

The **swift fox habitat** was added as an added-value component, with an estimated cost of **\$900,000.00**.



Cosley Zoo

**OPINION OF PROBABLE COST
CONCEPT LEVEL – FEBRUARY 2026**

1.0 EXHIBIT SPACE	
1.1 PRAIRIE DOG	\$328,526
1.2 BIRD	\$399,955
1.3 PORCUPINE	\$434,237
1.4 SMALL BIRD	\$68,526
1.5 LARGE OWL	\$1,193,711
1.6 SMALL OWL	\$184,184
SUBTOTAL	\$2,609,139
2.0 HOLDING BUILDINGS	
2.1 PRAIRIE DOG / BIRD HOLDING	\$144,353
2.2 PORCUPINE HOLDING	\$86,924
2.3 SMALL BIRD / BIG OWL HOLDING	\$255,496
2.4 SMALL OWL / FOX HOLDING	\$294,063
2.5 CAGING	\$108,537
SUBTOTAL	\$889,373
3.0 VIEWING STRUCTURES GROUP	
3.1 PRAIRIE DOG / BIRD	\$62,693
3.2 PORCUPINE	\$77,348
SUBTOTAL	\$140,041
4.0 SITE WORK	
4.1 DEMOLITION	\$245,372
4.2 PAVING	\$111,042
4.3 RAILINGS	\$71,156
SUBTOTAL	\$427,570
SUBTOTAL	\$4,066,123
SOFT COST	
CONTINGENCY 15%	\$609,918
TOTAL	\$4,676,041
ADD VALUE SWIFT FOX HABITAT	\$900,000

Items Not Included:

1. Site utilities.
2. Power company owned equipment relocation.
3. Caboose relocation (by owner).
4. General landscaping.
5. Soft costs.

*The cost estimates reflect 2026 market conditions.
The final amount will need to be escalated
depending on the actual project start date.





PROJECT AERIAL VIEW





SITE PLAN





Design Goals

Animal Well-being

- Reimagine and repurpose existing structures to create new, welfare-driven animal habitats, improving sightlines, expanding accessible viewing opportunities, and transforming the spaces into immersive environments that support natural behaviors.
- Improve operational animal care through a new management building, streamlining daily husbandry tasks, strengthening safety protocols, and providing modern, efficient workspaces for staff.

Visitor Experience

- Develop new habitats to expand the collection and enrich guest engagement, including a contemporary aviary for new and existing species within a naturalistic environment.

Education Enhancement

- Renovate and create habitats that offer multiple viewing opportunities and interactive experiences to enhance education and visitor engagement.



CONCEPT SITE PLAN





PRAIRIE DOG HABITAT





SECTION A-A COVERED VIEWING



ELEVATION B-B EXTERNAL VIEWING

SECTIONS AND ELEVATIONS: PRAIRIE DOG AND SMALL MAMMAL

Prairie Dog Habitat

genus Cynomys

Prairie Dogs Habitat 726 sq. ft.
Animal Management Building 157 sq. ft. (Area shared with opossum animal building)

Habitat Guidelines

Substrate:

The habitat will use a drainable soil mix of sand and clay to support natural digging and burrowing behaviors. This substrate provides both permeability and structural stability, allowing to shape the terrain and incorporates elevated mounds formed that offers natural surveillance points and enhances complexity within the habitat.

Landscape:

Native grasses and flowers to recreate their habitat.

Enrichments:

Natural boulders, logs and complex topography will encourage natural behaviors.

Barriers:

Vertical Barrier steel plate 4'-6' height
Dig barrier is require for this species

Holding Building

- Concrete unit masonry building
- Low slope roof with membrane roofing on insulation
- Galvanized or Fiberglass doors
- Provide heating
- Counter space and sink
- Natural light

Animal holding

- 1" sq. anodized aluminum tubing
- 1" x 1" - 12.5 ga. GAW wire mesh



Groundhog and Raccoon Habitat

Groundhog and Raccoon Habitat 604 sq ft
Animal Management Building 90 sq ft

These habitats will be designed with a central divider, allowing them to function as two independent spaces or be combined into a single, larger habitat as needed for group management.

Habitat Guidelines

Substrate:

The habitat will use a drainable soil with mulch and the creation of natural topography. These terrain variations support animal exploration while also offering guests a range of viewing angles into the habitat. Branches, logs and climbing structures are required to use vertical space in the habitat.

Landscape:

Recreate a forest habitat

Barriers:

Hand woven mesh 1"X1"

Holding Building

- Concrete unit masonry building
- Low slope roof with membrane roofing on insulation
- Galvanized or Fiberglass doors
- Provide heating
- Natural light

Animal Management Area

- 1" sq. anodized aluminum tubing
- 1" x 1" - 12.5 ga. GAW wire mesh





PORCUPINE HABITAT



North America Porcupine and Opossum

North America Porcupine and Opossum Habitat 726 sq. ft
Animal Management Building 157 sq. ft. (Area shared with Prairie Dog Animal management building)

These habitats will be designed with a central divider, allowing them to function as two independent spaces or be combined into a single, larger habitat as needed for group management.

Habitat Guidelines

Substrate:

The habitat will use a drainable soil mix that also allows the creation of natural topography to create a more complex habitat. These terrain variations support animal exploration while also offering guests a range of viewing angles into the habitat. The substrate accommodates the integration of shrubs and strategically placed boulders, adding structure, shade, and visual interest.

To further promote natural behaviors, the design will incorporate climbing and hiding logs, providing opportunities for exploration, refuge, and enrichment.

Landscape:

Recreate a forest habitat

Barriers:

Hand woven mesh 1"X1"

Holding Building

- Concrete unit masonry building
- Low slope roof with membrane roofing on insulation
- Galvanized or Fiberglass doors
- Provide heating
- Counter space and sink (only for opossum and prairie dog management building)
- Natural light

Animal Management Area

- 1" sq. anodized aluminum tubing
- 1" x 1" - 12.5 ga. GAW wire mesh





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OWL AVIARY



Aviaries

Small Owl Aviary	220 sq. ft.
Animal Management Building Small Owls and future Fox Habitat	462 sq ft
Walkthrough Owl Aviary	1,540 sq ft
Songbird Aviary	140 sq ft
Animal Management Building Walkthrough Owls Aviary and Songbird Aviary	462 sq ft

The Small Owl Aviary and the Walkthrough Aviary are housed under the same structure and enclosed with mesh. The Songbird Aviary is a different structure but connected to the animal management building. It is best to practice to have a sunken dig barrier on the ground section of the exhibit barrier.

Walkthrough Owl Aviary

The walkthrough aviary allows visitors to share the same space with the birds, creating an immersive and intimate experience. The Zoo will implement policies and operational protocols to ensure a safe environment for both animals and guests. Visitors also could observe the birds from outside the aviary, providing flexible viewing options for all guests.

The habitat will feature natural trees, shrubs, and seasonal plantings, which can be refreshed or rotated as needed to maintain a dynamic and healthy environment. Additional perches will be installed throughout the aviary to support natural behaviors and offer varied resting locations. A pond within the aviary enhances the landscape and provides essential bathing and drinking opportunities for the birds.

Small Owl Aviary

This aviary will incorporate natural trees, shrubs, and multiple perches to support species-specific behaviors and provide vertical complexity.





SONGBIRD AVIARY



Animal Management Building Small Owls and future Swift Fox Habitat

Includes 2 holdings for foxes and 1 holding for small owl habitat

- Concrete unit masonry building
- Low slope roof with membrane roofing on insulation
- Galvanized or Fiberglass doors
- Provide heating
- Natural light
- Sink and counter space
- Hose bibs
- GFCI Electrical outlets
- Waterproof LED light fixture / non-flicker lighting

Holding

- 1" sq. anodized aluminum tubing
- 1" x 1" - 12.5 ga. GAW wire mesh

Animal Management Building Walkthrough Owl Aviary and Songbirds Aviary

Includes 2 stalls for Owls connected to the Aviary and 2 stalls for Songbirds.

- Concrete unit masonry building
- Low slope roof with membrane roofing on insulation
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Holding

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Calgary Zoo Owls Walkthrough Aviary



SWIFT FOX HABITAT





In 2024, a comprehensive existing conditions assessment was conducted of exhibits and support facilities at Cosley Zoo. The report identified key opportunities for renovation and modernization to better support **animal welfare, improve operational efficiency and enhance overall visitor experience**. These improvements will help ensure Cosley Zoo continues to thrive as a beloved community asset while meeting evolving standards of care for the animals that call the zoo home.

Building on this work, a 25-year vision for exhibit renovation was developed in 2025, outlining exhibit renovations across five phases, each anticipated to span approximately five years.

To gather community input on the proposed vision, outreach efforts were conducted including on April 21, 2026, an email was distributed to 36,000+ Wheaton Park District households and Cosley Zoo visitors seeking feedback on this exhibit renovation via an online survey and/or by attending a public meeting on May 2. A post card invitation was mailed to 350+ neighbors around Cosley Zoo. Additionally, the information was placed on both the Wheaton Park District and Cosley Zoo websites.

The findings in this report are based on the online survey. The dates of the data collection were from April 21 – May 2.

The following summary includes an analysis of the findings.



We need your input!

We are seeking community feedback about the future of Cosley Zoo's exhibits and support facilities. We have created and prioritized a long-term 5 phase approach to future exhibit renovation.



Please share your feedback regarding the Cosley Zoo 25 Year Vision for Exhibit Renovation

Cosley Zoo has been in operation for over 50 years with many exhibits and support facilities showing signs of age and deterioration that have evolved beyond day to day maintenance. In 2024, a comprehensive existing conditions assessment was conducted for exhibits and support facilities. The report identified key opportunities for renovation and modernization to better support animal welfare, improve operational efficiency and enhance overall visitor experience. Planned improvements will help ensure Cosley Zoo continues to thrive as a beloved community asset while meeting evolving standards of care for the animals that call the zoo home.

You can provide your feedback by completing the survey below or by attending a Public Meeting on **Saturday, May 2 at 10A at Cosley Zoo** (upstairs in the Kiebler Barn).

A 25-year vision is organized into five phases, each projected to take approximately five years to complete.

Current Exhibit Map:



[Larger image](#)

Map of Phases 1-5:



[Larger image](#)

To learn more about the concepts developed to address the opportunities identified in the Zoo assessment, and share your feedback, please complete a [short survey](#).

[Learn More & Share Your Feedback](#)



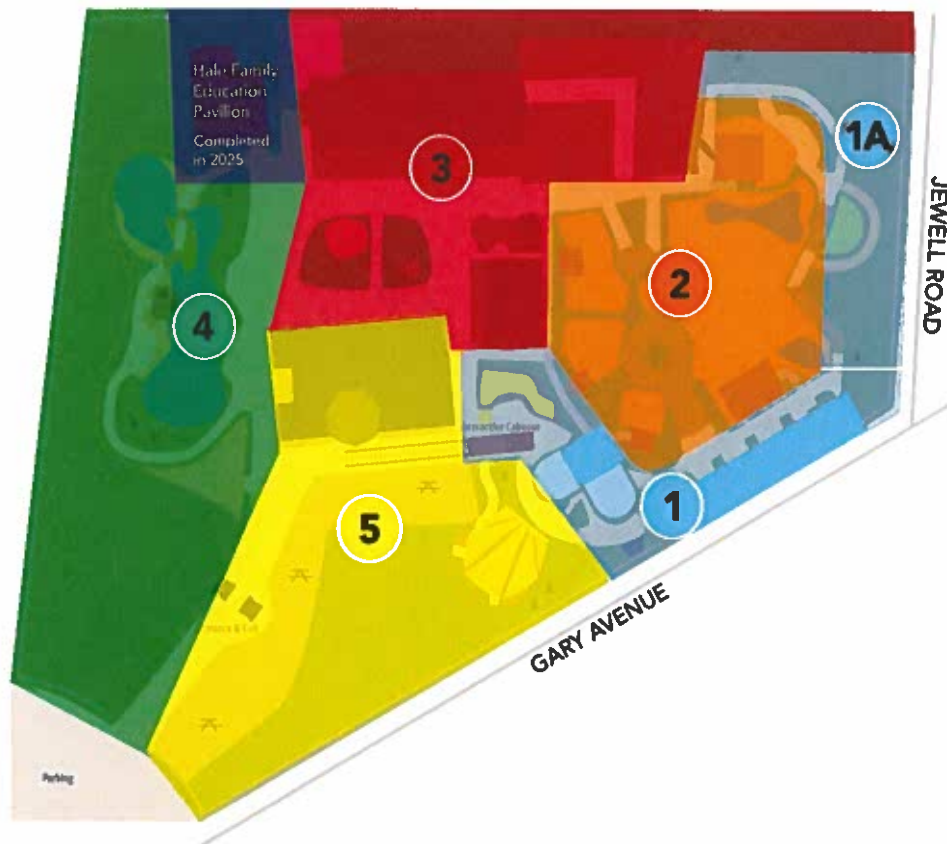
25 Year Vision for Exhibit Renovation

Community Feedback Form

A Phased Renovation

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Do you have any feedback you would like to share regarding the 25 Year Vision for Exhibit Renovation Plans?

[Learn About Phase 1](#)

Please Review: Concepts for Phase 1

Concept Renderings for Phase 1 are Complete

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Phase 1 Habitat Renovations Include:

- Prairie Dog Habitat
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- Owl Walk-Through Aviary
- Songbird Garden
- Phase 1A: Swift-Fox Habitat

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[See Renderings of Phase 1](#)

Phase 1 > Burrows & Branches > Prairie Dog Habitat

Please review the prairie dog habitat concept rendering below.



Please share your thoughts regarding the prairie dog habitat concept rendering featured above:

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[Additional Phase 1 Concept Renderings](#)

Phase 1 > Burrows & Branches > Porcupine, Groundhog & Opossum Habitat

Please review the porcupine, groundhog, and opossum habitat concept rendering below.



Please share your thoughts regarding the porcupine, groundhog, and opossum habitat concept rendering featured above:

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Phase 1 > Burrows & Branches > Owl Walk-through Aviary

Please review the owl walk-through aviary concept rendering below.



Please share your thoughts regarding the owl walk-through habitat concept rendering featured above:

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[Additional Phase 1 Concept Renderings](#)

Phase 1 > Burrows & Branches > Songbird Garden

Please review the songbird garden concept rendering below.



Please share your thoughts regarding the songbird garden concept rendering featured above:

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Phase 1A > Burrows & Branches > Swift-Fox Habitat

Please review the Phase 1A: Swift-fox Habitat concept rendering below.



Please share your thoughts regarding the swift-fox habitat concept rendering featured above:

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Your Input is Important

Any additional thoughts you would like to share?

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PLEASE SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK



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To learn more about the concepts and share your feedback, please complete the survey by:

- Visiting cosleyzoo.org/survey
- Scanning the QR Code
- Attending a Public Meeting at the Cosley Zoo on **Saturday, May 2 at 10A** (upstairs in the Kiebler Barn).



Cosley Zoo is a facility of the Wheaton Park District





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WELCOME TO COSLEY ZOO

Cosley Zoo gives visitors up-close interactions with nature right in the heart of the suburbs. Nestled on five acres, Cosley Zoo is home to farm animals and native wildlife. Visitors will discover exhibits that immerse them in natural habitats for white-tailed deer, red fox, Blanding's turtles, a coyote, and more. Cosley Zoo is also a center for animal education and conservation, offering programs that teach young and old how to care for the world around them and give back to the communities in which they live, work, and play.

[PLAN YOUR VISIT](#)



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Analysis of Responses from the 25-Year Vision Survey

About the Analysis

- As of 05/02/2026, there have been 126 submissions of the form. Of the 126 submissions, 100 of them contain a response to one of the 7 questions.
 - As a note, I am referring to the locations where respondents can provide feedback as questions. The questions are as follows:
 - Q1: do you have any feedback regarding the 25-year vision for exhibit renovation plans?
 - Q2: share your thoughts about the prairie dog habitat.
 - Q3: share your thoughts regarding the porcupine, groundhog, and opossum habitat.
 - Q4: share your thoughts regarding the owl walk-through habitat.
 - Q5: share your thoughts regarding the songbird garden concept.
 - Q6: share your thoughts regarding the swift-fox habitat.
 - Q7: any additional thoughts?
- Each of the 7 questions were evaluated and placed into one of three categories: positive, negative, and neutral.
 - A positive response to a question were ones that were supportive of the plan and/or habitat.
 - A negative response to a question were ones that were against the plan and/or habitat.
 - A neutral response to a question were ones that did not fit into either of the 2 above mentioned categories for reasons such as: a true neutral statement (i.e. “seems fine”), they had a question (i.e. “Are foxes solitary creatures”), or they offered a suggestion (i.e. “camera and monitor to watch den activity?”).
- In addition to each individual response being scored, a respondent’s entire submission was scored and placed into the three categories stated above.

Table with Survey Results

The following table contains, for questions 1 through 7, the number of responses submitted to that question, how many responses were positive, how many responses were negative and how many responses were neutral. Also in the table is the percentage breakdown of positive responses, negative responses, and neutral responses. The last row of the table contains the counts and percentage breakdown for the overall score of an individual’s submission.

Question	Count	# Positive	# Negative	# Neutral	% Positive	% Negative	% Neutral
Q1	75	44	20	11	58.67%	26.67%	14.67%
Q2	67	50	10	7	74.63%	14.93%	10.45%
Q3	56	40	8	8	71.43%	14.29%	14.29%
Q4	57	39	9	9	68.42%	15.79%	15.79%
Q5	64	45	8	11	70.31%	12.50%	17.19%
Q6	58	39	8	11	67.24%	13.79%	18.97%
Q7	64	40	19	5	62.50%	29.69%	7.81%
OVR	100	70	23	7	70.00%	23.00%	7.00%

Overall Responses

- Exactly 70% of responses have been scored as in favor of the 25-year vision plan. Less than a quarter of responses were scored as against the 25-year vision plan.
- Looking solely at the animal habitat questions, each of the 5 questions had over two-thirds of respondents in favor of the proposed animal habitats. This shows a supermajority of respondents were in favor of each individual step of the 5-step plan.

Analyzing Positive Responses

- 70 respondents had their overall response score rated as “positive”. 73% of all positive scores (51/70) had positive scores for ALL of their responses in the survey. This means that a little over half of all responses for this survey only had positive things to say about the 25-year vision plan.
 - Of the 19 overall positive scores that did not have ALL positive responses, 2 of them contained a negative response to one of the 7 questions, with the other responses in their submission being positive. 2 of them contained a mix of positive, negative and neutral responses. 15 of them contained a neutral response to one of the 7 questions, with the other responses in their submission being positive.
 - The neutral responses from this grouping come from questions about animal welfare within the habitats (i.e. ‘will they have enough room to run’, ‘do these animals get along’, ‘will you be using native plants’, etc.).
 - The negative responses from this grouping come from being against an aspect of the plan (i.e. ‘don’t see the point in expanding the gift shop’, ‘don’t understand the inclusion of porcupines – focus on Illinois animals’, etc.).
- Quotes from positive responses:
 - “Its very exciting to see these possibilities. My children are grown now, but we visited Cosley all the time when they were young. It is such a gem in our community! These upgrades would be amazing!” (#12).

- “This all sounds wonderful! We bring our 2 small boys (1 & 3) weekly, and very much look forward to all of these renovations! The little ones love the various (current) elements that make it feel immersive” (#24).
- “These improvements will go a long way in improving the condition of Cosley Zoo and will be a net positive for the community. Strongly support the changes outlined here and the focus on improved animal welfare and community education” (#29).
- “Love the idea of featuring the Opossum! They’re so good for our neighborhoods and wish more people would be educated about them. Highlight that they love ticks!” (#31).
- “So cool!!! My kids would love this” (#49).
- “Like that we have a plan and vision to modernize Cosley zoo” (#56).
- “This appears to be a well thought out plan for a real treasure of this community From a financial perspective, I appreciate the fact that the Park District has broken this up into phases and is allowing the community to provide their feedback” (#64).
- “Since we moved to Wheaton 30 years ago, Cosley Zoo has always been such a special place for our family! We have always appreciated how the zoo and its animals are well cared for, and how the zoo has been improved over time. Plus, Cosley’s conservation mission is important! Children are not getting out in nature enough these days. We are pleased to see the park district investing in these beautiful improvements and look forward to hopefully one day bringing grandchildren to meet the new wildlife and visit the adorable farm animals. We whole heartedly support these plans. Thank you for asking us for our input!” (#66).
- “This all sounds great! Love to see the zoo continue to both maintain, evolve and grow. Great for the city of Wheaton and DuPage County.” (#97).
- “I’m glad people who are brave enough to enter an enclosure with birds will have that opportunity! I imagine this will forge connection with nature like few other experiences in the suburbs.” (#103).

Analyzing Negative Responses

- 23 respondents had their overall response score rated as “negative”. The reasons given by the respondents for being against the proposal are as follows:
 - 18 of those respondents cited taxes.
 - 3 stated issues with the parking lot and the previous plan.
 - 1 stated noise issues.
 - 1 stated animal welfare reasons.
- Quotes from negative responses:

- “I’d rather not see that much \$ spent on this zoo. I think it needs to stop trying to be something it’s not” (#53).
- “This looks just like the “master plan” that was shared previously, then conveniently rescinded in order to move forward with an “overflow” parking lot. This is dishonest and misleading to the public.” (#55).
- “I have spoken with zookeepers about the fox that lives at the zoo now, and they say that this particular fox needs a more quiet environment to thrive. If that is typical for foxes, why would you put their exhibit right up against Jewel Road? That road is quite loud, seems like the foxes wouldn’t like that either.” (#77).

Analyzing Neutral Responses

- 7 respondents had their overall response score rated as “neutral”, with the following quotes from neutral responses:
 - “Seems ok but a bit boring.” (#11)
 - “Are kids interested in these kinds of animals? Legitimately curious- I’m sorry if it sounds rude. I just wonder if kids have been polled and how often they would come to see such exhibits.” (#18).
 - “I believe the most important feedback here needs to come from the animal experts and those caring for the animals. That should be priority. I care much less about how it looks. Have the folks caring for animals been in the important meetings? I hope so.” (#33).

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25-Year Vision Survey: Responses by Question

Question 1: Do you have any feedback you would like to share regarding the 25 Year Vision for Exhibit Renovation Plans?

- The train seems very outdated. I like the train but need better interactive exhibits inside.
- No, This sounds fabulous! Our family loves Cosley!
- This sounds wonderful!
- Love it!
- Will there be any bigger animals?
- The high level plan seems great. You will be ADA accessible, yes? Please make sure. Cafe: needs to have healthy foods.
- I think it's well thought out
- That sounds wonderful, I'm excited to hear about the prairie dog habitat.
I wonder if there could be any opportunity to have reptiles included in the renovation
- This all sounds wonderful! We bring our 2 small boys (1 & 3) weekly, and very much look forward to all of these renovations! The little ones love the various (current) elements that make it feel immersive; the walls & logs around the lynx exhibit, the ramp and wooden gazebo space by the raccoons, and the space to play in sand and grass next to the barn.
- It sounds great. It looks like you have covered everything.
- It looks great, though I can't see the specifics. It's right to do the renovations in phases.
- These improvements will go a long way in improving the condition of Cosley Zoo and will be a net positive for the community. Strongly support the changes outlined here and the focus on improved animal welfare and community education
- Excited to see this become reality! Great work!
- Love the idea of featuring the Opossum! They're so good for our neighborhoods and wish more people would be educated about them. Highlight that they love ticks!
- Love it! It looks like a great use of the money.
- I believe the most important feedback here needs to come from the animal experts and those caring for the animals. That should be priority. I care much less about how it looks. Have the folks caring for animals been in the important meetings? I hope so.
- I think this is a sound plan and we should trust the zoo professionals.
- Love this renovation plan!
- I have, always, thought that you have, a lot of, wasted, space, and, could use it for, more, animal, exhibits. The, train, car is ancient, and, should be removed! The, big, grassy area for the playground is, again, not needed when it could be, further, space for animals! Your, birds of prey, exhibit is, very, dark, and, difficult to see the birds. It should be be renovated! Very glad to hear that you will be upgrading, and, remodeling, with the animals in mind. I might be mistaken, but I do not recall your having any prairie dogs?
- How about you listen to the community when they voted not to expand the parking lot in the referendum. Spend the money on the baseball field so we can play after it rains the night before at CAC!
- Looks great

- That looks amazing. We love coming to,cosley zoo and look forward to have more interactions with the animals.
- How is this being paid for initially and long term?
- I see your zoo as a place to take smaller children and learn about the animals in as much of an interactive way as possible. Focus on animals that children read about and can easily see and relate to from the stories and books that parents read. I concur with redoing area 1, because my grandchildren have never been interested in the current setup except for possibly the owls (which hide as much as possible)
- Can't wait to see the improvements!
- The plan looks fantastic ! Can't wait to see it when it is finished !
- These updates sound amazing, but please please please update the bathrooms. Love the introduction of new animals!!
- Some of the animals need bigger spaces. Specifically the coyotes there soo bored. I feel so bad for them
- I don't think the gift shop needs to be any bigger. If they must spend more money- I think it should be to have better animal exhibits and care.
- Please prioritize accessibility in all aspects of these renovations. The current broken bricks make navigating with wheelchairs or strollers difficult. High-contrast large font signage would assist for those with vision difficulties. Increased numbers of benches would help those who need to take breaks when walking. Picnic tables on hard surfaces would be easier for those with mobility issues. Transitions in paths at bridges and the barn should be evened out.
- This looks just like the "master plan" that was shared previously, then conveniently rescinded in order to move forward with an "overflow" parking lot. This is dishonest and misleading to the public.
- I do not agree with taxpayer funding for this project. Where is the current parking lot on these drawings? Are you relying on the only parking lot being the new one across the street and will it have to be expanded from its current footprint?
- 25 years seems like too long to complete these 5 phases. One thing the zoo seems to be missing is a playground area for kids. Also, I believe adding a cafe sooner, rather than later would draw more visitors -- along with waiting 25 years for a cafe to be built seems crazy.
- Expanding the gift shop seems unnecessary. It takes up a ton of space when really we are there to see the animals.
- Yes, it appears to be excessively expensive for what should be small adjustments and updates to the cages, barnyards and exhibits. Tone down the focus on growth. The zoo is wonderful as is.
- Cosley Zoo is great the way it is. Only maintenance is needed. Lower the WPD tax levy %. Save residents money, people are struggling
- This appears to be a well thought out plan for a real treasure of this community From a financial perspective, I appreciate the fact that the Park District has broken this up into phases and is allowing the community to provide their feedback
- Thank you sharing these plans and for asking for our input. This appears to be a solid redevelopment plan that will ensure the continued vitality of our community gem. The exhibit renovations will keep the zoo an attractive destination for families while staying true to the zoo's charming nature. I'm especially excited for the addition of new animal species and look forward to bringing my family and friends to see them.

- It looks like an amazing plan! Great job WPD assuring this wonderful community asset continues to get the support and improvements it needs. We love Cosley!!
- I would just encourage this plan to focus on different ways of engaging everyone as they age. We know young children love the zoo and its size is perfect for them. As kids get older, the camps attract them. Then, I know there are opportunities to work at the zoo in a small role as they get into adolescence. I support generally improving the exhibits and spaces over the next few decades. It's smart to have the street-facing Phase 1 items taken care of early, but I also feel like a little work on Phase 5 might be good earlier. Just my gut feeling. (Also, we love the duck pond!)
- I love all of the renovation plans and am excited to be a part of it!
- I like the idea of more interactivity - like goats, playgrounds, feed opportunities. Kids are very motivated to go if they have the ability to play and touch as opposed to just walking around and looking. The fall fest is their favorite time at the Zoo.
- Pretty sure the majority of Wheaton Park District resident taxpayers are not interested in making improvements to Cosley Zoo. We think it's great as is, and don't want the added traffic into our neighborhood streets that would most likely be a result of zoo improvements. Most park districts don't support a zoo and we know that the Cosley Foundation contributes, but the park district pays salaries, etc. and we doubt that the Foundation will pick up the entire tab. It's a small zoo and let's keep it that way.
- I am excited about the vision and plans to update the zoo to better engage and educate its visitors.
- I was happy to see a wetland area included as the wetlands are so important to our environment and not many people know about this. I wish it was happening earlier in the plan as our wetlands continue to disappear and educating the public about them sooner would be good. I hope that as each phase happens that native plants will be used for the landscaping rather than plants that are invasive or not native to our area.
- Sounds exciting!
- Cosley Zoo operations should be 100% private with the Park District owning the land and leasing the land to the Foundation. The maintenance costs and renovations should be paid for by the Foundation so there is zero taxpayer money used for the Zoo. Admission fees and fundraising can offset the cost of zoo maintenance and renovations.
- I look forward to the improvements and I'm so excited about phase 1. I trust the employees will make the best decisions going forward.
- Why are we doing any of this?
- Cosley Zoo operations and renovations should be funded by the Foundation with no taxpayer money used. We are not interested in a cafeteria or any type of restaurant space. We already had a referendum and residents do not want major renovations/expansion (stay small). The zoo is popular because of its quaint size, Wheaton residents do not want a flashy commercial zoo. We are not interested in attracting people from outside of the city. Do not move all the parking across the street, keep the old parking lot where it is for the convenience of the visitors.
- I hope you keep the little, quaint and quiet zoo feel. I don't see llamas listed and would want you to keep them. Also, if the petting option was not available anymore, I would not renew my membership.
- We think it is a wonderful idea and offers exciting new opportunities for generations to come.

- I'd love to see a breakdown of sources and uses of funds published for each phase. I would think it very helpful for tax payers to understand that detail. Thank you.
- I like this plan, believe it has been done in right way. I like how the phases are scheduled
- Looks great! So happy that the duck pond is in the revised plan!
- \$30 million dollars was just spent on renovating the DuPage Conservation Center in Glen Ellyn. These exhibits are easily accessible to Wheaton and the surrounding communities which is why we are not in favor of any further expansion to Conley Zoo.
- The bigger the better!! We are so blessed to have staff at the Wheaton Park District with a vision. Be bold and know the silent majority of the community is behind you!
- This all sounds great! Love to see the zoo continue to both maintain, evolve and grow. Great for the city of Wheaton and DuPage County.
- Too expensive! Costs will go higher in the 5 year plan. Taxpayers do not want the burden of any higher Park District taxes to build something unnecessary. Who is going to support the costs of all these new animals moving forward. Most of the people of Wheaton who pay the high park district taxes love our small zoo. This should go to a referendum before a few people decide it is what all people in Wheaton want. I'm very opposed to the expansion as it is presented here - it is unnecessary and frivolous. Some of the animal species you want to add to the zoo are not even native to the midwest - a family of prairie dogs requires an acre. Do you have that much space? How do you guarantee they will not burrow beyond their exhibit?
- It sounds very exciting to upgrade the Cosley Zoo experience. Please use only Illinois Native plants in all of your planning.
- The interactive goat corral is a fantastic idea. I recently visited a farm in Door County, Wisconsin, that had a feature like this when you first enter and it was a highlight of my kid's summer. The walk-through owl exhibit also stands out as something that set Cosley apart from other places. Overall, the strategic plan looks great and I like that there are phases that provide a long-term vision for the zoo. Cosley is one of the best features of our town and something that makes it unique. I am happy to know that there is a Director and Board so dedicated to ensuring its long-term success.
- This seems like a solid strategy for a path forward. Thank you for your attention and expertise to ensure that Cosley remains a viable and vibrant component of our community.
- I like the vision and phased approach very much, it makes sense to me...I also reviewed the details of all the different Phase 1 projects and they look great!
- It looks like a very exciting, well thought out approach.
- I think that improving Cosley Zoo is a great idea. However, I believe that Wheaton has already spent enough money on Cosley. If the foundation is funding the changes, then I'm all for it. If the tax payer is, then I think that the Park District should spend money on things more wheaton residents use: fields, indoor facilities, swimming pool...I do not believe that Wheaton wants to spend more on Cosley. The majority of the visitors are not from Wheaton. Wheaton residents want Cosley to stay the way it is (per survey). I like that it is staying the same footprint.
- We do not endorse a 25-year strategic plan at this time, citing the difficulty in accurately projecting costs over such a long period, which could potentially double initial estimates. We recommend that the five project phases be evaluated and approved separately by taxpayers and community members at appropriate intervals. We support the renovation

of existing structures that are deteriorating, prioritizing safety and welfare for both animals and staff. However, we oppose the introduction of new animal species beyond the current collection. Cosley Zoo is intended to serve as a small, community-focused facility primarily for the enjoyment of Wheaton residents. It is designed as a walkable zoo suitable for young children, complementing the larger zoos in the Chicagoland area, which offer a broader array of animals.

- Deer, raccoon and fox areas need improvement. Water areas are in need of improvement as well. Maintenance staff is too sparse to support zoo needs for upkeep.
- My only comment is that in ~5 years circumstances will change and a 25 year-vision will be replaced. If the 5 goals are to be accomplished, I would tighten the timeline, although my comment does not address how the source(s) of funding would be accelerated.
- Between the parking changes that went through ahead of the community vote, 1) I'm not sure who this community petting zoo is for, 2) what will it cost tax payers for phases 1 through 5? 3) It feels like someone has grander plans than this given all the parking that has been added to this small community soon.
- You need to have a referendum on this. You will be using stockpiled taxpayer money. This looks a lot like the plan you told us was only a big dream in 2023. I do not think any of this makes sense for a small community taxpayer-supported zoo. We want to keep the zoo small and accessible. This is another WPD Monument to Me plan.
- Maintenance only- respect the taxpayers
- I opposed expansion of the zoo and spoke at a WPD meeting to voice my objections. It is simply too ambitious a project on a very small site in a residential area. An earlier site plan seemed to include an outdoor venue abutting our property to the south (I live in Wheaton Oaks). I'm pleased to see this seems to no longer be in the plans. Am I correct? Any outdoor venue that draws a crowd at any hour belongs on the Gary Road side, away from our residences.
- what a disaster of a fiasco you have created out of a precious nook in Wheaton and created a circus along with a superhighway of traffic and safety concerns. Ill conceived planning, a waste of taxpayer money for only monetary gain for the WPD and the fame of the current Board. You are not building this for the animals at all, you are building to become a revenue-generating event venue to host weddings and corporate functions. Publish the results of this survey to the Wheaton residents.
- 1. On three occasions over the past ten years, the taxpayers of the Wheaton Park District have stated loudly and clearly to keep Cosley Zoo small. It is time to actually listen to the taxpayers. 2. The change in exhibits at Cosley will only add to the Zoo's attendance which means increased car, bus, and foot traffic. The layout of the driving and walking routes thus challenges the safety of all concerned. This issue was basically ignored by the WPD and a majority of Wheaton City Council members. 3. Make changes to Cosley Zoo that reflect the indigenous plants and animals of the area. Educate the children of our area on these aspects. 4. Again, if you were truly interested in input from the taxpayers of the WPD, you would have spent the money to "survey" the entire WPD tax base. You certainly have the money in your coffers to spend the money. Post cards to only the "Cosley Zoo Neighbors" was not enough. The entire WPD tax base constitute "Cosley Neighbors." 5. No taxpayer money is to be used for any "improvements." If the Cosley Foundation can raise millions of dollars for a parking lot, barns and exhibits, you certainly can stay within your own budget framework.

- The more interactive or hands-on opportunities the better!

Question 2: Please share your thoughts regarding the prairie dog habitat concept rendering.

- Awesome
- Is it possible to see the underground dwellings of the prairie dogs?
- Not sure it is needed. Seems boring. How will you engage kids.
- This would be amazing!
- This looks great!
- Great opportunity for photos. No mesh! Love it.
- love the prairie dog habitat
- This is very exciting. At other zoos, we have seen a space for a child to crawl in a plastic tube and see the prairie dogs surround them, that could be an incredible feature if possible.
- I love the idea of a prairie dog exhibit, but I'm concerned that they will have enough space to thrive. I think the exhibit is only a good idea if it's big enough for them.
- This helps.
- Very cool!!
- Great fit for the Zoo. If possible, the small viewing window should protrude into the exhibit slightly and allow small children to view the prairie dogs up close
- Looks great! I'm not sure if it is possible to see the burrows underground with either a camera or glass cut-out. I know that the prairie dogs might alter their burrows, so this might not be possible.
- Great, awesome addition
- Looks very engaging
- I am happy to learn that you are planning a prairie dog exhibit. It looks spacious. As I said before, I do not recall your having prairie dogs?
- It looks great
- I never knew there were prairie dogs at Cosley.
- How much does this cost?
- the kids are too far away from most of the animals
- Can't wait
- Very excited
- Beautiful
- So cool!!! My kids would love this
- Very cute! Kids will love it.
- Looks fun. Just be sure it's big enough for them
- Seems kinda big. Where are they taking the space from?
- This would be a great addition to the zoo.
- Where is the parking?
- I like it
- Prairie dogs are not indigenous to the Midwest!
- Looks like a great addition to the zoo
- \$5 million for small additions and improvements is excessive and not needed
- No changes are needed
- This should be a very popular exhibit as prairie dogs are very active

- Prairie dogs are delightful animals! Our family really enjoyed seeing their antics on trips out west and will be delighted to visit them at Cosley Zoo, too. I love the open air design of the exhibit, which makes one feel closer to the animals.
- Looks awesome!!
- what a beautiful natural habitat for the prairie dogs- I also like the glass like front instead of wire/bars
- love that kids can view without obstructions in the way that the enclosure is solid glass. Be mindful though that I've seen unwatched children try to throw food scraps and garbage into exhibits like this at Brookfield, which is a shame.
- My only concern would be if guests are able to reach over the glass, would they throw/drop objects in that may be dangerous to the prairie dogs? I like the circular glass window also. Maybe the back wall could be painted to look more naturalistic
- Is this necessary?
- Would be really cool to have a crawl through feature with bubble for kids to stick their head up to see into the exhibit - like the penguin exhibit at the Georgia Aquarium.
- love it!
- Love that new animals will be a part of the zoo.
- This looks great and prairie dogs are so fun to watch
- This is the type of project that should be funded by the Foundation with zero taxpayer money used. The Wheaton Park District should lower their tax levy.
- Wonderful- I love the full glass window into the world of prairie dogs.
- The prairie dog exhibit looks like it would be conducive to children.
- Looks great!
- Love the openness and habitat construction.
- This is a good choice, something can see up close and many don't see. Will be fun. Can feel like talking with them
- Great! At the Omaha zoo they have a cool tunnel pipe play adjacent to the exhibit that kids seem to love if possible!
- Love it
- It looks like it would provide a lot of entertainment.
- Love it!
- Looks like great viewing for the kids
- The rendering looks beautiful, and I pose this question only for consideration: Do prairie dogs carry diseases that are harmful to humans at a higher rate than other animals? This may be a silly comment and/or untrue, but I'm curious.
- No doubt this will provide hours of observation and entertainment - both for the animals and human zoo visitors.
- I think having a prairie dog habitat is exciting--it will be fun and interesting to learn about and watch their behaviors and interactions.
- Cute!
- To the extent the renderings reflect renovation of existing structures for the welfare of animals and staff, does not increase the introduction of new animal species, and is funded by the Cosley Zoo Foundation, grants, and contributions we have no objection.
- Looks fine
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- We do not want a prairie dog habitat. The WPD tax rate is excessive and not competitive with park districts in surrounding communities. You need to reduce your levy. Also the Cosley Zoo management and WPD Board need to listen to the tax paying residents of the WPD. Any and all outside visitors need to be charged and an increasing cost based on the rate of inflation.
- Maintenance only -: respect the taxpayers
- Prairie dogs are a fun habitat and anything to make them more immersive or visible from different angles would be ideal.
- looks great.

Question 3: Please share your thoughts regarding the porcupine, groundhog, and opossum habitat concept rendering.

- Amazing
- Seems ok
- I would love to see these animals at Cosley!
- I really like this idea.
- Great
- This looks like a great way to be able to spot the animals, as the porcupine is often hidden right now
- I think this would be a nice addition to the zoo.
- It all looks good.
- Appears open with clear sightlines to the animals and it would be a great addition to that section of the zoo
- Perhaps a glass viewing window somewhere might be nice so visitors can take pictures more easily?
- Great, awesome addition
- Love the addition of shaded areas
- I think your renderings show much more greenery than I have seen before. It is great that the animals are not in cages! The aim should, always, be to look like their spaces in, real nature.
- I feel like it would be easier to see the porcupines in this proposed concept
- Looks like the animals would vpbemuch happier.
- How much does this exhibit cost ?
- i don't understand the inclusion of a porcupine - focus on Illinois animals
- Looks good
- Love it
- Viewing area seems small. Is it possible to view the rather large habitat from different angles?
- Love the addition of groundhog and opossum
- Looks bigger than what there in now!
- Seems like it could be done with fewer materials and money
- Um, you do know that opossums and porcupines are nocturnal, right?
- Where is the parking?
- Also definite improvement from what is there now.
- Porcupines aren't indigenous to the Midwest.
- Looks very nice
- No changes are needed, just maintain the zoo.
- The porcupines at Cosley Zoo are adorable, but hard to see sometimes in their current exhibit. This new exhibit design seems to give visitors a much better view. I like the addition of opossums and groundhogs as it's a great opportunity for people to learn how these backyard animals play important roles in our ecosystem.
- I love this!!
- Like it
- focusing on the natural habitat is wonderful
- It's fun to observe the porcupines in their current habitat.

- love it!
- Great that this will be a bigger space for these animals.
- This is the type of project that should be funded by the Foundation with zero taxpayer money used. The Wheaton Park District should lower their tax levy.
- Wonderful
- Please make sure there is enough greenery and structures for the animals to hide behind so they're not under constant observation
- Great improvement for porcupine viewing!
- That is a real neat exhibit that appears to make you feel part of the habitat.
- Another well done exhibit
- Perfect
- Love it
- The "trees" at varying heights will make for interesting viewing.
- Hopefully, this will help the public/children to grow up appreciating the role these animals play in the ecosystem.
- This looks amazing. I love that our kids could see these animals coexisting in the same habitat together. One thought would be to have signs at the habitat that teach kids about the benefits that these animals bring to our immediate community in Wheaton.
- A beautiful upgrade.
- This offers a great viewing perspective--one I would certainly enjoy.
- To the extent the renderings reflect renovation of existing structures for the welfare of animals and staff, does not increase the introduction of new animal species, and is funded by the Cosley Zoo Foundation, grants, and contributions we have no objection.
- Great
- 👍
- We have opossums in our yard and street. We don't need them behind fences too. The WPD tax rate is excessive and not competitive with park districts in surrounding communities. You need to reduce your levy.
- Maintenance only - respect the taxpayers
- love to see a bigger area to view
- Cool!

Question 4: Please share your thoughts regarding the owl walk-through habitat concept rendering.

- This looks amazing as well
- The owls are a current highlight. I would put a lot of emphasis on them.
- Love it!
- Walk through owl aviary sounds excellent
- More bird friendly than today's version. Good for the animals.
- Very cool!
- I think this is a very unique and appealing interactive exhibit for guests of all ages
- Love this!
- So very neat!
- Very unique
- I love the, walk-through, concept which gives visitor a chance to be immersed, and closer.
- I don't mind the current habitat for owls but the idea of a walk through is cool
- This looks great! The owls are my favorites!
- How much is this the cost of this exhibit?
- I don't understand this rendering at all and how people will walk through
- Will this be free flight? Or netted walk through?
- Walk through sounds Cool
- Simply awesome. Tree and other vegetation choices are key. Maybe a nighttime "listening station" outside of the habitat when it is closed to hear the whoos?
- This seems nice but will the different types of owls coexist in one space?
- Very nice, especially if owls can be seen up close.
- Do they have room to fly?
- Don't see how it's a walk through
- Where is the parking?
- Can't really tell much just from this drawing
- Are these owls going to be held captive?
- Owls need to be visible for the exhibit to be a success
- Love the idea of a walk thru.
- \$3 million to \$5 million for this? Excessive.
- The current owl habitat is fine. No changes are needed. Just maintain the zoo
- The walk through concept is very appealing
- Wow, the owl aviary looks so cool! Our family loves birds. We enjoy watching the birds that visit our feeders and I go birdwatching, but owl sightings are rare. To see these beautiful creatures this close up is going to be awesome! I hope Cosley will do flight demonstrations as we have seen at other zoos.
- Such a unique exhibit idea, can't wait to see this come to life!
- I like that it's a walk through.
- I am sure they will have places to hide- I know they like their privacy!
- love that you can walk through it.
- It's great to get up close and personal with the owls in their current habitat.
- love it!
- I love owls so any additional space devoted to them makes my heart happy!

- This is the type of project that should be funded by the Foundation with zero taxpayer money used. The Wheaton Park District should lower their tax levy.
- Allow areas for the owls to remain hidden from public view
- Much more realistic habitat for the owls, a plus for them and the viewers. Are you going to have mostly rescues still? I hope so!
- This is very similar to the walk-through area at Disney's Animal Kingdom which we love!
- Will be much easier to see the animals
- Really cool, never seen this before. Assuming that it is okay for the owls as you are AZA?
- Love it
- The large amount of greenery is nice.
- Definitely will come visit this exhibit.
- People would travel from all over for this feature. This is truly unique and something that would differentiate Cosley from other zoos.
- I'm glad people who are brave enough to enter an enclosure with birds will have that opportunity! I imagine this will forge connection with nature like few other experiences in the suburbs.
- This owl adventure sounds very interesting.
- To the extent the renderings reflect renovation of existing structures for the welfare of animals and staff, does not increase the introduction of new animal species, and is funded by the Cosley Zoo Foundation, grants, and contributions we have no objection.
- Love the owls
- Love this
- We do not want to view caged owls. \$25M to see owls is excessive. The WPD tax rate is excessive and not competitive with park districts in surrounding communities. You need to reduce your levy.
- Maintenance only - respect the taxpayers
- Owls seem to be an odd choice for a walk through aviary given that they would be less active during zoo hours.
- Love walk-through habitats

Question 5: Please share your thoughts regarding the songbird garden concept rendering.

- Way better than the current set up
- Seems ok
- Cannot wait to see this all finished!
- Yes 🍷
- Lovely. Name the plants too. Make sure to ONLY use NATIVE plants for IL.
- songbird garden will be a very peaceful experience
- This is great, descriptive signage would be especially helpful, especially for kids to learn how to spot and identify birds
- The "garden" is a cute idea. I'm guessing that the exhibit is using a back garden at a house rather than a more natural tree based exhibit so the visitors can see the birds better. While I'd prefer a more natural exhibit, I understand the design decision.
- So gosh darn cute.
- As long as the conditions are not too confined for the animals, a themed enclosure like this is a great idea
- This would be lovely. Perhaps some suggestion/education panels with common local bird identification and tips on how to attract these birds in your own yard/balcony/community?
- Great, awesome addition
- Cute
- The, bird, enclosures certainly need to be improved. They are dark, and difficult to feel connected. Their enclosure was not inviting!
- Love this
- This is great - it can give people ideas of what to do at home.
- What is the cost of this exhibit ?
- terrific idea - but add instructional aspects of identification of bird species
- Cute!
- Very nice
- Love this. Ensure it is filled with birds for all seasons so that it is never boring. Also consider door decor/window stickers that reflect each season.
- I like the idea of cutting back on the trees so we can see them better but this looks too much like it's my backyard
- Pretty 😊
- Garden doesn't need a house
- Where is the parking?
- Is the house then accessible from the inside or what is its purpose?
- What happens in winter when the birds generally migrate?
- It's difficult to tell what this will be like from the concept rendering.
- Unique idea! Kinda different and fun having the house.
- Your paid consultants and the Board members who generally have been around forever and never turned down a project (except their hotel) make this seem so necessary when it is not.
- The current bird habitat is just fine. No improvements are needed.
- Great concept

- This new exhibit is adorable and really needed. We have noticed that the zoo's current aviary is quite old and it's hard to see the birds. I like how the cottage design will encourage children to look for the birds in their own backyard.
- Adorable with the little house!!
- Just need to make sure it's not so big that it's hard to see the birds.
- beautiful
- love
- I would love if guests would be able to enter the songbird house to an interactive feature teaching about songbird calls and lifestyle. Also would love pigeons to be included here
- How much will this cost?
- this is beautiful! Maybe some signage on how kids can attract or help song birds in their backyard.
- love it!
- This looks very cute.
- This is the type of project that should be funded by the Foundation with zero taxpayer money used. The Wheaton Park District should lower their tax levy.
- Gorgeous!
- If possible it would be nice to have the ability for the birds to fly higher so they would feel freer.
- Perfect. Looks like you are in someone's backyard looking at birds :)
- I like the setting. So difficult to see now.
- I like this setting for the songbirds
- Neat idea
- Love it
- Love the house!
- Cute!
- Native plants only, please. Plan the plants for what the birds need to eat.
- I could see myself regularly sitting here. Cosley's proximity to the prairie path and the marsh could attract bird lovers for this enhanced habitat.
- Stunning!
- I love this concept! It will be fun and informative to see the birds in this sort of setting. I think this could offer many ways of 'carrying home' information to our own backyards and communities.
- To the extent the renderings reflect renovation of existing structures for the welfare of animals and staff, does not increase the introduction of new animal species, and is funded by the Cosley Zoo Foundation, grants, and contributions we have no objection.
- Much lighter and brighter than current bird exhibit
- Love this
- We have songbirds all around us, free to fly wherever they want. AFH Designs didn't ask us though. Which citizen from the community did you have that would share the taxpayer's opinions with you? OH--none, just like before. Now I remember. You need to listen to people who are paying taxes. The WPD tax rate is excessive and not competitive with park districts in surrounding communities. You need to reduce your levy.
- Maintenance only - respect the taxpayers
- nice nature setting

- Having a house as a background seems out of place and distracting and disrupts flow of the natural elements in other phase 1 renderings
- An opportunity to feed birds would be fantastic.

Question 6: Please share your thoughts regarding the swift-fox habitat concept rendering.

- Kids would love this
- Seems ok but a bit boring.
- Children will love this!
- I would love to see a community of foxes
- Nice. Use Native IL Plants ONLY.
- Aren't foxes more solitary. Maybe swift-foxes are okay being so many in one space.
- I enjoy seeing the fox every time I've visited and an expanded enclosure with more animals will improve the experience
- Looks good!
- Great, awesome addition
- I do not recall your having any swift foxes. I am pleased that it is natural and will house, multiple, foxes.
- Would love to be able to see the fox(es) closer
- So much more natural!
- Concern with cost .
- Can't wait!
- Adorable
- This looks fake! Plantings and ground development/maintenance will be key.
- It would be so nice for there to actually be more than one fox, he always looks lonely
- Bigger? Room to really run?
- How many foxes will there be? There's only 1 now
- Where is the parking?
- Looks much nicer than the current fox habitat, rarely see fox moving in current habitat
- How large is this enclosure? Is it large enough for them to have shelter from extreme weather, is it escape proof, is it large enough to roam and play?
- It would be wonderful if this exhibit had five foxes (as shown)
- Fantasy.
- The current fox habitat is fine. This is not needed. Young kids like things the way they are. New plans are sterile, unnecessary, save taxpayer money
- Looks as though that exhibit will provide excellent viewing opportunities
- Foxes are beautiful animals. I love how this new exhibit will show a full family of foxes and their interactions. I've never seen swift foxes so I look forward to meeting them.
- Love this!!
- I hope there's that many foxes!
- exciting!
- love
- I'm confused where this would be placed in the zoo
- Is there land for all this?
- I have spoken with zookeepers about the fox that lives at the zoo now, and they say that this particular fox needs a more quiet environment to thrive. If that is typical for foxes, why would you put their exhibit right up against Jewel Road? That road is quite loud, seems like the foxes wouldn't like that either.
- love it!

- Hopefully having more foxes will allow guests to actually see them. MJ needs some friends!
- This is the type of project that should be funded by the Foundation with zero taxpayer money used. The Wheaton Park District should lower their tax levy.
- Please allow a large space for the animals to run around.
- Love it! Once again, I hope most, if not all, animals are rescues. I hope the habitats could be used for different animals depending on who would need it depending on what animal needed a home.
- Again, it is as if you are in the habitat and really makes you feel part of the animal's environment.
- I feel people will be amazed these exhibits can be added changed without adding space. Excellent updates
- Cool, but might prefer local red foxes if I had a say personally.
- Love it
- The depth of the exhibit is interesting.
- Yay!
- I don't know much about these foxes. It will be exciting to learn more.
- This is an incredible improvement on the current fox habitat!
- This seems like a game-changer akin to the Bobcat/Lynx habitat.
- As I mentioned above I think the plan and approach look great. I'll certainly enjoy watching the plan unfold, helping make it happen, and enjoying the experiences as they are completed. mac
- This is a great concept. I would love to watch the foxes and their interactions.
- To the extent the renderings reflect renovation of existing structures for the welfare of animals and staff, does not increase the introduction of new animal species, and is funded by the Cosley Zoo Foundation, grants, and contributions we have no objection.
- That's a lot foxes!
- Love naturalized setting
- I saw a fox on a walk through Glen Ellyn once. It was beautiful. I do not want to see a fox behind a cage. You need to reduce your levy. You have stockpiling \$30M of our taxpayer money. This is wrong.
- Maintenance only - respect the taxpayers
- Looks like a great exhibit for an animal that doesn't currently have as much focus.
- Im all in favor for any improves for foxes. Birds scare me so the other step 1 changes I have no opinion.
- Camera and monitor to watch den activity?

Question 7: Any additional thoughts you would like to share?

- These improvements look very well done
- With the return of river otters to the area can we include those?
- Its very exciting to see these possibilities. My children are grown now, but we visited Cosley all the time when they were young. It is such a gem in our community! These upgrades would be amazing!
- Are kids interested in these kinds of animals? Legitimately curious- I'm sorry if it sounds rude. I just wonder if kids have been polled and how often they would come to see such exhibits.
- Lovely. Great work.
- The specifics are good. Thanks. I'm sure you all have a handle on this renovation.
- As long as the changes are guided by animal safety/comfort/enrichment first and guest entertainment second, what was outlined here will be a welcome addition to the great work Cosley Zoo already does
- I appreciate the funding for this project, and your long-term investment in the zoo for quality spaces for visitors and the animals!
- Very happy to see these ideas!
- Very well thought out plan and great, efficient use of budget.
- Looks great
- Thank God, you have come to the realization that your zoo is antiquated! Improvements are, long, overdue. I stopped visiting your zoo because it was the same, old, same, old. The areas in the barn, are, also, dark, and, tight, spaces. The enclosures for the herbivores, and, the, farmed, animals are barren, and, unappealing! There is NO enrichment!
- Our Wheaton Park District taxes are already one of the highest in Dupage County
- We love your zoo!
- Looks good to me
- I'm sure these are included, but just in case:
 - Welfare of animals is most important
 - Guest experience is second - to that goal, would like to see infrastructure plan including drainage, accessibility, seating, lighting and especially landscaping plan. All are key, with landscaping being critical to provide animal habitat, shade and screening from larger exhibits, structures and streets in a small area
 - phases should include keeping one or two event spaces open while work is going on so revenue stream remains unaffected during construction.
 - Entrance and/or temporary entrance to Cosley, especially during last phase but during all, should be kept pristine and inviting so that the Zoom does not look like a construction zone
 - Wayfinding and information will be key for traffic patterns and curiosity/marketing. "I went to the zoo today, they put in a new traffic pattern and the sign said the foxes have been temporarily relocated to Brookfield Zoo during the renovation..." That type of thing.
 - Keep the place special! 👍 🤔
- From all my last few comments just give the animals more room to run!
- I'd rather not see thst much \$ spent on this zoo. I think it needs to stop trying to be something it's not

- This is your opportunity to make the zoo accessible finally. Whether it's physical, visual, or hearing challenges, consider each segment of the population that you serve and how you can make their visit easier for them.
- This plan has received negative feedback from the community and continues to be pursued. Changing the name of the plan doesn't change anything. The plan all along was not an overflow lot it was a new parking lot for the sole purpose of expanding the zoo. Stop being manipulative and listen to your stakeholders.
- Like that we have a plan and vision to modernize Cosley zoo
- I totally disagree with using taxpayer dollars to expand and care for the zo expansion!
- I think the area that is the least popular is the birds that are on the street past the owls. There's not much draw to that area.
- You guys are out of your minds with excessive spending. Under utilized assets like trucks, trailers, tools....all are new and perfect.....many are dead assets.
- Why are the WPD taxes so high per resident?
My friends in local area cities pay less than 1/2 what I pay.
- Very excited about this plan to keep Cosley up to date as an important asset to our community
- These are all very nice renderings. I look forward to seeing and hearing more as the vision progresses.
- Since we moved to Wheaton 30 years ago, Cosley Zoo has always been such a special place for our family! We have always appreciated how the zoo and its animals are well cared for, and how the zoo has been improved over time. Plus, Cosley's conservation mission is important! Children are not getting out in nature enough these days. We are pleased to see the park district investing in these beautiful improvements and look forward to hopefully one day bringing grandchildren to meet the new wildlife and visit the adorable farm animals. We whole heartedly support these plans. Thank you for asking us for our input!
- This looks amazing! Are you getting more "footprint" for space? From a photographer perspective, if the cost isn't much different, maybe get non-reflective glass for the habitats. You probably already planned on this already, but make sure the walk-through aviary has double-doors, so none escape. Are all of the animal species you are putting in the same habitat ok to co-exist in the habitat? I know they do in nature, but they would have more space in nature. I can't wait to see all of this! Thank you. Jen
- Great work WPD! Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback- we are lucky to have Cosley Zoo in our community.
- Hope there are opportunities to gather outside together at the zoo on a nice summer's night to raise some money!
- excited about the upgrades!
- great job, ya'll!
- Keep the zoo as is and just do required maintenance.
- Excited to see the zoo grow!
- See previous comment
- Let's do this!
- It is very exciting to see the plans for the zoo and I look forward to watching them materialize over the next few years.

- We already had a referendum and the residents did not want the parking lot because they want Cosley Zoo to remain small and be funded by the Foundation. The Foundation can raise money for each renovation.
- Personally, Cosley Zoo and the WPD have lost my trust after the debacle with the parking lot. Please tell me how these enhancements will benefit the City of Wheaton. Please tell me about the ground swell support for making Cosley more than it is now.
- Cosley Zoo operations and renovations should be funded by the Foundation with no taxpayer money used
We already had a referendum and residents do not want major renovations/expansion (stay small)
- Please stick with domestic and rescued animals. Don't become another prison for animals. Kids love dinosaurs and they have never seen one in person. Thank you!
- Our family has loved Cosley Zoo from the time the kids were young, to teenagers and now as adults. We're hoping to share it with our grandson one day too.
- I am excited.
hope to hear answers to those who used to say want to keep the little gem
- The plan is excellent, will be updated, interesting and interactive for everyone. I would like to know the best ways to respond to those who may still think shouldn't spend this money. Like the "little gem" the way it is?
- Thanks for rethinking this! Remembering that little kids are your primary audience so to think of fun little viewing spaces for them, or things like steps or boxes for them to feel like they can see better go a long way!
- See prior comments. No further expansion is needed at Cosley Zoo
- Be Bold and know the Silent Majority of the community is behind you!
- These all seem like very positive upgrades.
- Love the thought put into this project. I think it's great.
- **NO MORE TAX DOLLARS TO THE PARK DISTRICT TO EXPAND THIS ZOO!**
- I am extremely impressed by this vision and am so grateful to those who have worked so hard to put it together. One final question/thought - what could we do as a town to raise the money needed to make these improvements happen? I'm not sure enough of our tax money goes to our Park District to begin with, so what would it take to get this done?
- No, this major renovation should not be pursued. A referendum expressed the wishes of taxpayers less than 18 months ago. The Wheaton Park District tax levy is astronomical and larger than nearby communities. There will not be a proportional benefit to the Wheaton taxpayers. Please respect safety issues - the new west parking lot requires the use of a hazardous sidewalk along Prairie Ave after crossing the high-traffic Gary Ave. Not family or ADA friendly.
- It is reassuring to see the Park District and private partners investing in this community resource. This type of thoughtful investment differentiates Wheaton from other locations.
- The overall approach is very thoughtful. We appreciate all the time, work and care that went into it. We look forward to watching--and being a part of--the positive growth. Well done!
- Funding for renovations should be sourced from the Cosley Zoo Foundation, grants, and philanthropic contributions. The Wheaton Park District's budget should be allocated to community parks and facilities, which serve a broader segment of the local population. We

oppose increasing taxes to fund Cosley Zoo renovations, and feel fiscal responsibility and community priorities must take precedence.

- Reviewing the pictorial renderings of new and/or improvements are welcome and practical looking. I congratulate the various folks who have had input on the straightforward designs. I will simply restate that 25 years is an unlikely achievement as time and institutional changes tend to roll the dice. Cheers nonetheless; and good luck!
- Between the parking changes that went through ahead of the community vote, 1) I'm not sure who this community petting zoo is for, 2) what will it cost tax payers for phases 1 through 5? 3) It feels like someone has grander plans than this given all the parking that has been added to this small community zoo.
- Cosley Zoo is land-locked on a fairly small parcel of land. I think you're trying to squeeze too much on too little a property. Leave the zoo the way it is, with maintenance and safety improvements only. I think the Park District does a very good job at maintaining its facilities. However, you really have to look at reducing your spending and the tax rates. Focus on new ways to cut spending instead of new ways to spend money.
- REFERENDUM- why not? Are you afraid the citizens will say no? I think you know that this "survey" isn't a real survey. The WPD needs to have the following:
ORGANIZED COST REDUCTION PROGRAM with specific targets for reducing the levy.
REDUCE TARGET SPENDING 85% of the current budget,
REVIEW MEETINGS of cost reduction projects to meet that goal, which are
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC with PUBLISHED MEETING DATES and have MINUTES
POSTED on the WPD website.
MIKE BENARD NEEDS A REDUCTION IN COMPENSATION. Compensation for all
WPD leadership needs to be based on meeting objectives. Any capital expenses for the
Cosley Zoo need to be funded by the Cosley Zoo Foundation.
Cosley Zoo management WPD 'representatives' need to LISTEN & RESPOND to the tax
paying residents of the WPD.
ANY & ALL OUTSIDE VISITORS need to be charged and an increasing cost based on the
rate of inflation.
- The Wheaton Park District tax levy is out of control and not in line with other communities. The cost to the taxpayers to run Cosley far exceeds the benefits received. A referendum conveyed their wishes to remain small. Extra safety precautions has been neglected.
- Overall, a well-considered plan to renovate and revitalize an already excellent facility.
- It's great that the zoo is being renovated.
- You have made many lives inconvenienced permanently, many property values decreased, and you will cause harm to pedestrians and drivers alike by continuing with this vision. We have become aware also of the development to the south of the zoo on the west side of Gary with the proposed multi-home lots near the Sport Center. You display a level of mistrust that is shameful. I am sure that you will put a plaque up in the zoo honoring the WPD Board and their vision of so-called improvements; that will be a good way to ensure that we remember your names.

TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Brian Kimbrough, Director of Parks and Planning
Steve Hinchee, Superintendent of Planning

THROUGH: Michael Benard, Executive Director

RE: 2026 IEPA 319 Grant Application – Atten Park

DATE: May 6, 2026



SUMMARY:

In 2023 the park district and Cantigny applied for 319 grant funds for streambank stabilization along the Springbrook Creek at Atten Park and Cantigny Youth Links. The Wheaton Sanitary District (WSD) had recently completed a similar streambank stabilization through their facility and the Forest Preserve District completed work downstream at St. James Farm. They obtained a grant that is funding nearly 60% of this work and extended this value to a section of the streambank that is on park district property. The grant was not awarded, but the feedback we received indicated that our project would have a better chance if it was shovel ready.

Approximately 1,100 linear feet of Springbrook Creek exists between Atten Park and Cantigny youth links. We each own to the center of the creek. Cantigny has been experiencing erosion on their side that is beginning to threaten features of the youth links.

Additionally, this section contains the old deteriorating farm bridge. The city and county have indicated that it is our responsibility (along with Cantigny) to replace its function as a part of stormwater management. This grant could assist with that as well.

Hey and Associates were the engineering consultants on the WSD project. They have provided a proposal for engineering for this project. Tasks 1 thru 7 totaling \$88,020 represent what is needed to make the project shovel ready (\$44,010 reimbursed by Cantigny per cost sharing agreement).

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTION:

In October 2022, the board approved up to \$50,000 for the sanitary district to stabilize the Springbrook creek in Atten Park. The board approved an application for the 319 Grant at their June 21, 2023. The board also discussed this project at the January 17, 2026 Capital Projects meeting and consensus was for staff to proceed.

REVENUE OR FUNDING IMPLICATIONS:

Extending the unit costs the sanitary district obtained for their project along with our previous estimate to replace the function of the farm bridge, a conservative estimate for the project would be less than \$1,000,000. With a 40% local match split between Cantigny and the park district, our commitment is expected to be less than \$200,000.

\$25,000 is budgeted in 40-800-805-57-5701-0000 in FY2026 for engineering specific to this project. The remaining \$19,010 can be covered by district-wide planning budget in 40-000-000-57-5701-0000. Another \$1,000,000 is budgeted in 40-800-805-57-5701-0000 for construction in FY2027.

STAKEHOLDER PROCESS:

The Wheaton Sanitary District has been very helpful in sharing information related to this grant. We met with representatives from Cantigny who are enthusiastic about this project. They would need to obtain approval from their management to be a part of this.

LEGAL REVIEW:

Legal council has prepared a cost-sharing agreement between the park district and Robert R. McCormick Foundation (Cantigny).

ATTACHMENTS:

Plan views of the area proposed

Cost-sharing agreement between the park district and Robert R. McCormick Foundation
Cantigny

Hey and Associates proposal dated February 3, 2026

ALTERNATIVES:

If we do not apply for this funding, we will need to deal with the bridge at some point and Cantigny will have to address their erosion.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioner's approve the application for the 2026 IEPA 319 grant for Atten Park Streambank Stabilization.

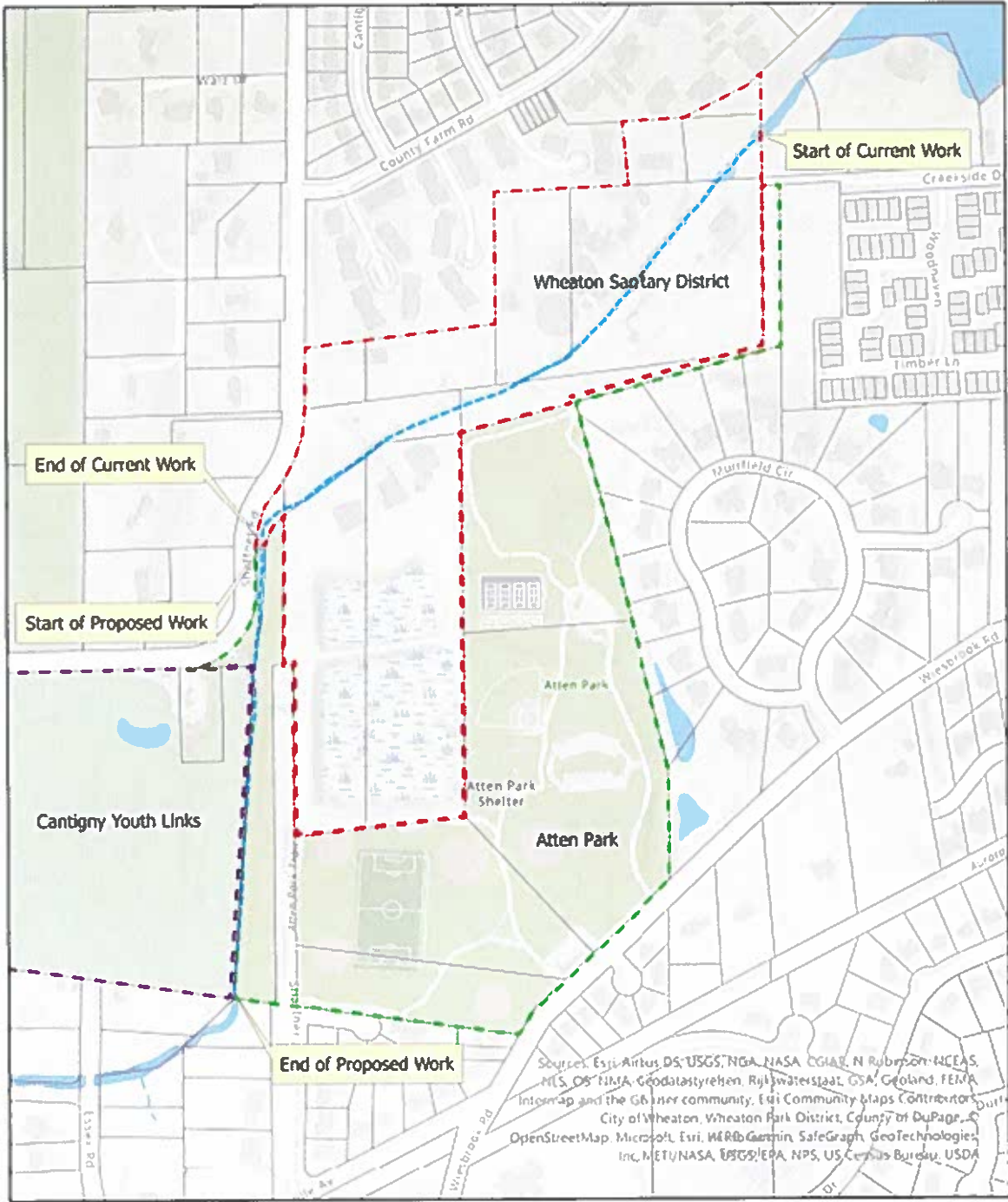
It is recommended that the Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioner's approve the cost sharing agreement with the Robert R. McCormick Foundation for 50% of the cost of engineering (\$44,010).

It is recommended that the Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioner's approve a contract with Hey & Associates to proceed with tasks 1 thru 7 of their proposal in the amount of \$88,020.



Springbrook Creek Overview

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**Springbrook Creek
Site Map**



**FUNDING AND REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT FOR CERTAIN WETLAND AND
STORMWATER CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN THE WHEATON PARK
DISTRICT AND ROBERT R. MCCORMICK FOUNDATION**

THIS AGREEMENT ("Agreement"), made this ____ day of _____, 2026 (the "Effective Date"), by and between the Wheaton Park District, an Illinois park district and unit of local government ("Park District") and the Robert R. McCormick Foundation, an Illinois not for profit corporation ("Foundation"). The Park District and Foundation are sometimes referred to herein as Party or collectively as "Parties."

Recitals

WHEREAS, the Park District owns, operates, and maintains certain real property located at 1720 Wiesbrook Rd S, Wheaton, IL 60189, commonly referred to as "Atten Park"; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation owns, operates, and maintains certain real property located 27w071 Mack Rd, Wheaton, IL 60189, commonly referred to as "Cantigny Golf's Youth Links"; and

WHEREAS, Atten Park is located directly to the east of the Cantigny Golf's Youth Links, and is separated by the Springbrook Creek; and

WHEREAS, portions of Springbrook Creek separating Atten Park from the Cantigny Golf's Youth Links require certain stabilization and restoration work; and

WHEREAS, the Park District intends to submit a Section 319 grant application with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to help fund portions of the stabilization and restoration work; and

WHEREAS, the Park District's grant application will be more competitive if the necessary engineering work for the stabilization and restoration work is completed prior to submission of the grant application; and

WHEREAS, based on their shared interests in maintaining Spring Brook Creek, the Parties desire to collaborate on the funding for the necessary wetland and stormwater consulting and engineering services necessary to support the stabilization and restoration work, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged by the Park District and Foundation, the Parties hereby agree as follows.

1. **ENGINEERING SERVICES.** The Park District received a proposal from Hey and Associates Inc. for the necessary wetland and stormwater engineering services, a copy of

which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference (the “Engineering Services”).

2. **FUNDING.** The Parties desire to jointly fund the costs and expenses necessary to complete Tasks 1-7 identified in the Engineering Services. Tasks 1-7 were quoted at the not to exceed price of \$88,020.00. The Foundation hereby agrees to pay or reimburse the Park District for fifty percent (50%) of the costs and expenses necessary to complete tasks 1-7, up to \$44,010.00 (“Foundation Funding Contribution”). In the event that the total costs and expenses necessary to complete tasks 1-7 exceed \$88,020.00, the Parties shall discuss the additional costs and expenses and shall agree on their respective responsibilities for payment of the additional sums. The Park District shall provide the Foundation with copies of invoices it receives for stages 1-7 of the Engineering Services and evidence that the Park District has paid the invoice(s). The Foundation shall reimburse the Park District within 30 days of the Park District’s providing the invoice(s) to the Foundation.

3. **ENGINEERING SERVICES IMPLEMENTATION.** The Park District shall be responsible for managing the Engineering Services to be performed by Hey and Associates, Inc., including tasks 1-7, and shall contract directly with Hey and Associates, Inc. The Park District shall maintain appropriate records related to the Engineering Services, and shall provide copies of all relevant documents to the Foundation upon request.

4. **DURATION; TERMINATION.** This Agreement shall commence upon the Effective Date and shall expire upon the earlier of: (i) Park District’s receipt of payment in full of the Foundation Funding Contribution; or (ii) notice of default to the defaulting Party for a violation or breach of the terms and conditions of this Agreement and continuation of such violation or breach for a period of ten (10) days after notice thereof is given by the non-defaulting Party to the defaulting Party (provided that if the nature of the breach is such that it cannot be cured within said ten (10) day period, the defaulting Party shall be deemed to have cured same upon completion of the corrective action if within said ten (10) day period, it commences and diligently pursues such cure and thereafter completes same within such time as is reasonable under the circumstances).

5. **NO WAIVER.** The waiver by Park District of any breach or default under any provisions of this Agreement shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of such provision for any subsequent breach or default of the same or any other provision. The acceptance of any payment by Park District shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of any prior occurring breach or default by Vendor of any provision of this Agreement regardless of the knowledge of Park District of such breach or default at the time of its acceptance of such payment.

6. **NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARY.** This Agreement is entered into solely for the benefit of the Park District and Foundation, 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 who is not a Party to this Agreement.

7. ENTIRE AGREEMENT / MODIFICATION/ AGREEMENT CONSTRUCTION/ NON-ASSIGNMENT. This Agreement is the entire understanding and agreement of the Parties with respect to the subject matter herein contained, and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements with respect to said subject matter, oral or written. This Agreement may be modified only in writing signed by both Parties. The rule of contract law that any ambiguity in an agreement shall be construed against the party drafting the Agreement shall not be applicable to construction of this Agreement, as the Parties acknowledge they have been represented by counsel in regard to the negotiation and finalizing of this Agreement. This Agreement is non-assignable in whole or in part by either Party, and any assignment shall be void without the prior written consent of the other Party.

8. GOVERNING LAW. This Agreement shall be governed by and its provisions construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois.

9. SEVERABILITY. A final determination by a court of competent jurisdiction that any provision of this Agreement is invalid shall not affect the validity of any other provision, and any provision so determined to be invalid shall, to the extent possible, be construed to accomplish its intended effect.

10. NOTICE. Any notice required or permitted to be given pursuant to this Agreement shall be given to the following addresses (notice to be deemed given when personally delivered or three days after being sent registered or certified mail, return receipt requested) or to such other or further addresses as the Parties may hereafter designate by like notice similarly sent:

If to Park District:

Wheaton Park District
102 E. Wesley Street
Wheaton, IL 60067
Attn: Executive Director

If to Foundation:

11. NO WAIVER OF TORT IMMUNITY. Nothing contained herein shall constitute a waiver by the Park District of any right, privilege or defense which it has under statutory or common law, including but not limited to the Illinois Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act, 745 ILCS 10/1-101 *et seq.*

12. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS. The Parties shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations.

13. HEADINGS. The headings herein contained are for convenience and reference only and are not intended to limit the scope of any section.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

PARK DISTRICT:
Wheaton Park District

By: _____
President

Attest: _____ :

By: _____
Vice President

FOUNDATION:
Robert R. McCormick Foundation

By: _____

ATTEST:

By: _____

EXHIBIT A
Hey and Associate, Inc. Proposal dated February 3, 2026

Hey and Associates, Inc.

Engineering, Ecology and Landscape Architecture

26575 W. COMMERCE DRIVE, SUITE 601

VOLO, ILLINOIS 60073

PHONE (847) 740-0888

FAX (847) 740-2888

February 3, 2026

Mr. Steve Hinchee
Superintendent of Planning
Wheaton Park District
1000 Manchester Road
Wheaton, IL 60187

Proposal No.: 26-0023

RE: Spring Brook Stabilization Engineering Design and Permitting Services
Atten Park, Wheaton, DuPage County, Illinois

Dear Steve:

Hey and Associates, Inc. (Hey) is pleased to provide this proposal for wetland and stormwater consulting services for stabilization and restoration of Spring Brook along the west side of Atten Park. Hey previously assisted Wheaton Park District (WPD) in submitting a section 319 grant application for the project. WPD was not awarded the grant and was advised that while 319 funds can be used for engineering design, the project would be more competitive for funding if the design was completed prior to resubmitting a grant application. Thus, at your request, we are providing this proposal for design and permitting services to include the following tasks.

TASK 1: WETLAND/WATERS FIELD INVESTIGATION AND AQUATIC RESOURCES DELINEATION REPORT

We will complete a field investigation of the Spring Brook corridor from the southern end of the Wheaton Sanitary District stabilization project to the southern end of the park district property. It is our understanding that Cantigny owns the west side of the creek but has an agreement with the WPD to jointly pursue this project. Hey will perform a routine wetland and waters delineation applying the general procedures detailed in the 1987 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) wetland delineation manual and the 2010 Regional Supplement-Midwest Region. We will identify the aquatic resources present and flag the wetland/waters boundaries. We will survey our wetland/waters flags with a sub-meter accuracy GPS unit. We will review the survey for consistency with our field notes and use it to prepare our report. The surveyed boundaries will be provided in an acceptable format (dwg and/or shp files) for your use.

Please note that if the fieldwork for the wetland delineation occurs outside the normal growing season (May 10 to October 15), DuPage County or the City of Wheaton may require the collection of additional data during the growing season. Floristic assessments made before May 10 or after October 15 shall be considered preliminary.

Based on the information gathered from the field investigation, we will prepare an Aquatic Resources Delineation Report. The report will include an aerial photograph showing the wetland/waters boundaries, required USACE data forms for sample points, observed vegetative species lists, representative color photos, and other necessary data. The report will meet the requirements of the DuPage County Stormwater Management and the USACE for permitting, provide a basis for the design work, and can be provided to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) as background information for any grant application. We will provide a pdf of the final report to you for the WPD's use.

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TASK 2: WETLAND BOUNDARY VERIFICATION REQUEST

Hey will request a wetland boundary verification from DuPage County Stormwater Management. This will include up to one site visit with the County's wetland reviewer. A review fee of up to \$500 may need to be paid by the WPD.

TASK 3: TREE INVENTORY

Hey will perform a tree inventory along the Spring Brook corridor. The tree inventory will include documenting and tagging all trees 4-inches and greater diameter at breast height (DBH). We will provide a corresponding spreadsheet detailing tag numbers, tree species, size, condition rating (good, fair, poor, dead), and notable tree defects affecting the tree's health that can be observed from ground level. Tree inventory work will be completed under the supervision of a Certified Arborist. This inventory is intended for use in determining the potential for the authorized removal of trees and should not be construed as a tree risk assessment. The tree data will be needed to quantify the tree and brush removal needed to restore a functional riparian buffer with improved ecological value. It will also be needed to calculate tree mitigation required by DuPage County/City of Wheaton.

TASK 4: TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY

We will perform a topographic survey of the project area to provide enough spatial data to establish one-foot contours and support design and FEQ modeling of Spring Brook. All survey data will be collected using a survey-grade total station with a minimum of two (2) established control points. The following features within the project area will be surveyed including, but not limited to: hardscapes, trees greater than 4-inches DBH tagged under Task 3, limits of brush, the Atten Park Access Trail pedestrian stream crossing, and the Atten Park historic road crossing, other stormwater features, and visible utilities.

The DuPage County Ordinance provides two options for establishing control on-site (15-33.A and 15-33.B). We propose to establish site control as follows:

An Online Positioning User Service static occupation (OPUS) will be utilized to collect vertical GNSS data for site control. For this project, a minimum of 4 hours of static data collection will be implemented to solve for the necessary parameters. However, acceptable accuracy is not guaranteed and relies upon satellite coverage and other factors beyond the control of the surveying team. Horizontal control data will be achieved through averaging a minimum of 3 long-duration (180 epoch) GNSS shots at each control point (minimum of 2).

TASK 5: PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING DESIGN/PERMIT PLAN DEVELOPMENT

A set of engineering plans will be prepared for this project, with milestone submittals at the completion of preliminary and final engineering design.

We will prepare preliminary plans depicting proposed stabilization measures including limits of regrading, interplanted boulder toe, and other bank treatments as needed. Incidental work such as construction access, staging areas, and tree removal will also be included for discussion. A preliminary planting plan with representative species lists will be included. We will prepare a list of anticipated special provisions to be used in conjunction with the IDOT Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction (SSRBC). A preliminary Opinion of Probable Construction Cost will be prepared for budgeting purposes. We will assume that any excavation to be removed from the site during construction will be considered non-special waste and cost opinions will be based on this assumption. No soil sampling and analytical testing is included at this time. FEQ modeling will be performed during this phase to ensure that the proposed design will meet permitting requirements. Hey will request the FEQ model from DuPage County Stormwater Management, make updates to reflect current conditions, and develop a proposed conditions model for use in design and future permitting. Hey will include preliminary compensatory storage grading as necessary to meet the ordinance requirements.

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TASK 6: FINAL ENGINEERING DESIGN/PERMIT PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Upon client review of the preliminary design documents, final design shall commence including addressing client comments. We anticipate the final design plans will include the following sheets: cover, notes, existing conditions and demolition plan, soil erosion and sediment control, grading, planting plan, cross sections, and details (multiple sheets). Written special provisions will be prepared to be used in conjunction with the IDOT SSRBC. A revised Opinion of Probable Construction Cost will be prepared.

TASK 7: PREPARATION OF 319 GRANT APPLICATION

After submittal of a 319 grant application by WPD for this project in 2023, it is the desire to again pursue Clean Water Act section 319 non-point source funding from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for the project once design is completed. Based upon the estimate of probable costs and engineering design plans, we will prepare a 319-grant application following IEPA guidance for your review and approval. This would include collaborating with you to complete all the required Section 319 application and budget forms online, using your GATA portal account. This will include worksheets for projecting the non-point source water quality benefits from the proposed project.

It is our understanding that the IEPA is not currently following its previous 319 grant cycle schedules, or that which is posted on their web page. We will be in contact with the IEPA to learn of their upcoming grant schedule for 2026 and proceed accordingly. These 319 grants are very competitive and being awarded the funding for the project is not guaranteed.

TASK 8: STORMWATER AND WETLAND PERMITTING

If awarded a 319 grant, and authorized by WPD, Hey will proceed with the permitting process, including the following permits.

- Prepare and submit a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Nationwide Permit 13 and/or 27 application for bank stabilization/aquatic ecosystem restoration.
- Prepare and submit soil erosion and sediment control plans to the Kane DuPage Soil and Water Conservation District (KDSWCD), a USACE requirement.
- Hey will complete the Stormwater Report including Tabs 1-9 and permitting package for submittal to DuPage County Stormwater Management. Hey will make any needed revisions to the FEQ model and provide all necessary calculations and exhibits demonstrating compliance with the ordinance to accompany the permit submittal package, including compensatory storage calculations. As-built survey and submittal is included in Task 9.
- Hey will prepare a submittal to IDNR-OWR for Part 3708 permitting. It is assumed that IDNR will delegate Part 3708 floodway permitting to DuPage County for review. If they do not, we may request a supplement to prepare a separate floodway permit package for IDNR-OWR.
- Correspondence/sign-off regarding federally listed threatened/endangered species, state biological resources, and state and federal cultural resources.
- IEPA NPDES
- Prepare and submit an application to the City of Wheaton.

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- Prepare and submit an application to the DuPage County Building and Zoning Department.
- All permit application fees to be paid directly by the WPD to the agency charging the fee.

TASK 9: PREPARATION OF CONSTRUCTION AND BID DOCUMENTS

After addressing comments that may arise from client review of the final design documents and/or regulatory agency review during permitting, plans and specifications will be finalized to bid and construct the Project as a single and complete construction contract. Documents will be provided in PDF format for distribution to bidders by the Village. We assume that the WPD will prepare front-end documents for the bid package and Hey will provide plans, specifications, quantities and permits.

TASK 10: AS-BUILT RECORD DRAWING PREPARATION

Under this task, Hey will complete field survey work and collect data necessary for the creation of the as-built record drawings. Hey will develop Record Drawings based on the survey in Task 4. Per DuPage SWM Ordinance standards the Record Drawings will include limits of bank stabilization and revised contours. It is anticipated that the layout and grading plan sheets will be included in the Record Drawings. The Record Drawings will include the compensatory storage summary table and calculations for the compensatory storage also will be provided. It is assumed that updated FEQ modeling will not be required and is therefore not included in the scope. We will compile the documents described above and prepare a cover letter summarizing data for inclusion in submittal to DuPage SWM.

TASKS	FEE
TASK 1: WETLAND/WATERS FIELD INVESTIGATION AND AQUATIC RESOURCES DELINEATION REPORT	\$3,500 LS
TASK 2: WETLAND BOUNDARY VERIFICATION REQUEST	\$750 LS
TASK 3: TREE INVENTORY	\$10,000 T&M
TASK 4: TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY	\$10,000 LS
TASK 5: PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING DESIGN/PERMIT PLAN DEVELOPMENT	\$47,270 LS
TASK 6: FINAL ENGINEERING DESIGN/PERMIT PLAN DEVELOPMENT	\$10,000 LS
TASK 7: PREPARATION OF 319 GRANT APPLICATION	\$6,500 LS
TASK 8: STORMWATER AND WETLAND PERMITTING	\$21,770 LS
TASK 9: PREPARATION OF CONSTRUCTION AND BID DOCUMENTS	\$9,140 LS
TASK 10: AS-BUILT RECORD DRAWING PREPARATION	\$15,540 LS
TOTAL	\$134,470

We will not proceed with each task identified above until specifically given Notice to Proceed on that task by Wheaton Park District.

Reimbursable expenses shall be included in the lump sum fees noted above and include, but are not necessarily limited to, travel, reproductions, shipping/delivery, aerial photographs, phone and other communication charges, consultants and subcontractor fees, equipment and supply costs related to the execution of the project. Any additional meetings or supplemental work would be in addition to the above amount or by separate proposal. Our Standard Terms and Conditions are attached.

Mr. Steve Hinchee, Wheaton Park District
26-0023 Spring Brook Stabilization
February 3, 2026
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If this agreement is acceptable, please sign below and return this proposal to our office. Upon receipt, we will sign and return a fully executed copy for your records. This proposal is valid for 60 days from the date of this letter. Should you have any questions, please contact the project manager, Jeff Mengler, at our Volo office.

Hey and Associates, Inc.

Wheaton Park District

Attest

Attest

Date

Date

Compensation

Profession	Hourly Bill Rate
Engineering	
Senior Principal Civil Engineer	\$250
Principal Civil Engineer	\$230
Senior Civil Engineer	\$205
Civil Engineer V	\$190
Civil Engineer I to IV	\$145-175
Engineering Intern	\$90
Engineering Technician I to V	\$125-165
Field Services Manager	\$180
Ecological Services	
Senior Principal Ecologist	\$225
Senior Project Scientist	\$195
Senior Aquatic Scientist	\$175
Environmental Services Manager	\$175
Environmental Scientist I to V	\$130-170
Environmental Intern	\$80
Landscape Architecture	
Senior Landscape Architect	\$200
Landscape Architect I to V	\$140-180
Landscape Designer	\$135
Administration	
Executive Administrator	\$140
Accounting Administrator	\$120
Office Administrator	\$110
Expert Testimony	
Rates to be determined on per-project basis	

Reimbursable Expense

Reimbursable expenses shall be reimbursed at cost plus an 8% administrative service charge. Such expenses shall include, but are not necessarily limited to travel, reproduction, shipping/delivery, aerial photographs, phone and other communication charges, consultants and subcontractor fees, equipment and supply costs related to the execution of the project. Fixed reimbursable expense costs are as follows:

Travel	\$.75/mile
Copies	\$.20/page
Software/Digital Resource Charge	\$100.00/project
ATV Usage	\$ 40.00/hour
ATV Discing, Herbicide, Spraying, Mowing	\$ 45.00/hour
Boat Usage	\$ 75.00/hour
Chain Saw Usage	\$ 20.00/hour
Additional Plotting, B & W	\$.90/sq. ft.
Additional Plotting, Color	\$ 2.75/sq. ft.
Flow Meter	\$ 50.00/day
GPS Rover	\$350.00/day
Total Station/GPS Equipment	\$100.00/day
Unmanned Aerial Reconnaissance	Per Project

Insurance

Throughout the duration of the project, Hey will procure and maintain the following insurance:

Liability	Limits of Liability
Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability	\$ 500,000 each incident
Commercial General Liability	\$ 2,000,000
Professional Liability	\$ 2,000,000
Automobile Liability	\$ 1,000,000

Within the limits of this insurance, Hey agrees to hold the Client harmless from and against loss, damage, injury or liability arising directly from the negligent acts or omissions of employees, agents, or subcontractors of Hey.

Client will limit any and all liability, claim for damages, losses, cost of defense, or expenses to be levied against Hey on account of any design defect, error, omission, or professional negligence to a sum not to exceed the amount of Hey's fee under this agreement. Should the Client require other types of insurance coverage, limits in excess of the above limits, and/or certificates naming any other(s) than the Client as additional insured parties, Hey's cost of obtaining such coverage, limits, or certificates shall be reimbursable by the Client.

Billing

Billings shall be on a monthly basis and are payable upon receipt. An additional charge of 1% percent per month (18% per annum) shall be applied to any balance unpaid more than 30 days beyond date of invoice. Client shall pay any attorney's fees, court costs or other expenses incurred collecting delinquent accounts. All invoices paid by credit card will be charged an additional 3.5% processing fee.

Hey and Associates Inc. (Hey), with seven (7) days written notice, reserves the right to suspend or terminate work under this agreement on any account that is past due. The Client's obligation to pay for the work contracted is in no way dependent upon the Client's ability to obtain financing, zoning, permit approval by governmental or regulatory agencies, or upon the Client's successful completion of the project. The rates presented herein are effective for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

Limitation of Costs

Hey will not be obligated to continue performance or incur costs beyond the estimated costs unless the Client agrees in writing to a revised cost estimate.

Client's Responsibilities

Client shall arrange for access to and make all provisions for Hey to enter upon private and public property as required for Hey to perform services under this Agreement. Client shall provide Hey with all existing available information regarding this project as required. Hey shall be entitled to rely upon information and documentation provided by the Client or consultants retained by the Client in relation to this project, however Hey assumes no responsibility or liability for their completeness or accuracy.

Cost Opinions

Any cost opinions or project economic evaluations provided by Hey will be on the basis of experience and judgment, but, because Hey has no control over market conditions or bidding procedures, we cannot warrant that bids, construction cost, or project economics will not vary from these opinions.

Standard of Care

The standard of care for all services performed by Hey under the agreement will be the care and skill ordinarily used by members of Hey's profession practicing under similar circumstances at the same time and in the same locality. Hey makes no warranties, express or implied, under this Agreement or otherwise, in connection with Hey's services.

Means & Methods

Hey will neither have control over or charge of, nor be responsible for, the construction means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures, or for the safety precautions and programs in connection with the construction of the subject project(s).

Mutual Indemnification

Subject to the foregoing provisions, Client agrees, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to indemnify and hold harmless Hey, its officers, directors, employees and agents from and against any liabilities, damages and costs (including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of defense) arising out of the death or bodily injury to any person or the destruction or damage to any property, to the extent caused, during the performance of Services under this Agreement, by the negligent acts, errors or omissions of the Client or anyone for whom the Client is legally responsible, subject to any limitations of liability contained in this Agreement. Hey agrees, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to indemnify and hold harmless the Client, its officers, directors, employees and agents from any liabilities, damages and costs (including reasonable attorney's fees and costs of defense) to the extent caused by the negligent acts, errors or omissions of Hey, Hey's contractors, consultants or anyone for whom Hey is legally liable.

Copyright Indemnification

To the fullest extent permitted by law, Client shall indemnify and hold harmless Hey from and against any and all costs, losses and damages (including but not limited to all attorney fees and charges, all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs, and any time spent by Hey in defense of any such claims) resulting from any claims brought against Hey alleging copyright, trademark, or patent infringement or any other cause of action or regulatory decision resulting from Hey's use of, or reliance on, the design, plans and specifications provided by the Client for the Project. This provision shall survive the completion of the services provided under this Agreement.

Consequential Damages

To the fullest extent permitted by law, Client and Hey waive against each other, and the other's employees, officers, directors, agents, insurers, partners, and consultants, any and all claims for or entitlement to special, incidental, indirect, or consequential damages arising out of, resulting from, or in any way related to the Project.

Termination

Either party may terminate this Agreement upon not less than seven (7) days written notice should the other party fail to substantially perform in accordance with the terms of this Agreement through no fault of the terminating party. Hey may terminate this Agreement for its convenience and without cause by providing not less than seven (7) days written notice. If Client terminates this Agreement for its convenience and without cause, Client agrees to compensate Hey for services performed prior to the termination, together with Reimbursable Expenses incurred and costs attributable to termination, including the costs attributable to Hey's termination of consultant agreements and authorized Additional Services.

Dispute Resolution

Client and Hey agree that they shall first submit any and all unsettled claims, counterclaims, disputes, and other matters in question between them arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the breach thereof ("Disputes") to mediation. If such mediation is unsuccessful in resolving a Dispute, then such Dispute shall be resolved by a court of competent jurisdiction.

TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Brian Kimbrough, Director of Parks and Planning
Steve Hincee, Superintendent of Planning

THROUGH: Michael Benard, Executive Director

RE: Northside Park Sediment Basin Dredging

DATE: May 6, 2026



SUMMARY:

Northside Park underwent significant renovations from 2010 to 2013. The work was completed in phases and included shoreline stabilization, dredging, and parking lots/ roadways. Christopher Burke Engineering (now Burke LLC) was the engineer for this project. The dredging work purposely was designed with a deeper basin on the upstream side to allow water flow to slow and drop out sediment and focus ongoing maintenance to a smaller location. Burke took extensive measurements and prepared a report. In summary the report found that the basin had accumulated an average of three feet of sediment since the dredging project was completed.

Burke prepare plans for permitting and bidding. Bid specifications were sent on March 12th, 2026, and nine (2) bids were received. They were opened on March 26th, 2026, and the results are as follows:

Contractor	Base Bid
Earthwerks	\$535,000
ILM	\$624,815

Earthwerks successfully completed the dredging work for the original project.

The work is planned to occur over the summer from mid-June to the end of July, weather permitting.

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTION:

The board approved a contract with Burke LLC in the amount of \$38,000 for engineering services related to permitting and bidding at their September 24, 2025 meeting. The board also discussed this project at the January 17, 2026 Capital Projects meeting and consensus was for staff to proceed.

REVENUE OR FUNDING IMPLICATIONS:

\$500,000 is budgeted in the 2026 budget for dredging work.

STAKEHOLDER PROCESS:

Athletic staff was consulted concerning the timing of the work.
We will engage with the public ahead of dredging work.

LEGAL REVIEW:

Our legal counsel provided front-end specifications and agreements for bidding.

ATTACHMENTS:

Burke LLC recommendation letter

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners approve a contract with Earthwerks in the amount of \$535,000 for Northside Park Settling Basin Dredging.



CHRISTOPHER B. BURKE ENGINEERING, LTD.

9575 West Higgins Road Suite 600 Rosemont, Illinois 60018 TEL (847) 823-0500 FAX (847) 823-0520

April 24, 2026

Wheaton Park District
1000 Manchester Rd.
Wheaton, IL 60187

Attn: Steve Hinchee Superintendent of Planning

Subject: Bid Award Recommendation for the Northside Park Maintenance Dredging Project, Wheaton, IL (CBBEL Project No. 010150.00254)

Dear Mr. Hinchee:

On behalf of the Wheaton Park District, Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. (CBBEL) has reviewed the bid proposals received for the Northside Park (NSP) Maintenance Dredging Project.

In response to the RFP, the Park District received 2 bids:

Earthwerks Land Improvement and Development Corp. (Earthwerks)	- \$535,000
Integrated Lakes Management (ILM)	- \$624,815

Earthwerks was the low bidder. Earthwerks completed the grading/dredging for the previous NSP restoration project, has significant site knowledge, and specializes in these types of projects, having completed numerous similar projects within the Chicagoland area. Therefore, we recommend approving the contract award to Earthwerks in the amount of \$535,000.

If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jedd Anderson".

Jedd Anderson
Vice President

TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Brian Kimbrough, Director of Parks and Planning
Steve Hinchee, Superintendent of Planning

THROUGH: Michael Benard, Executive Director

RE: Northside Park Sediment Basin Engineering- Additional Services

DATE: May 6, 2026



SUMMARY:

Burke LLC was contracted to provide plans and specifications for permitting and bidding the Northside dredging project. As the project moves into construction additional services are required during construction. Burke provided a proposal in the amount of \$12,000 for these services.

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTION:

The board approved a contract with Burke LLC in the amount of \$38,000 for engineering services related to permitting and bidding at their September 24, 2025 meeting. The board also discussed this project at the January 17, 2026 Capital Projects meeting and consensus was for staff to proceed.

REVENUE OR FUNDING IMPLICATIONS:

\$500,000 is budgeted in the 2026 budget for dredging work.

STAKEHOLDER PROCESS:

Athletic staff was consulted concerning the timing of the work.
We will engage with the public ahead of dredging work.

LEGAL REVIEW:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Proposal from Burke LLC.

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners approve the proposal in the amount not to exceed \$12,000 from Burke LLC for the engineering during the construction phase of the Northside Sediment Basin Dredging.



Design / Build

BURKE, L.L.C.

9575 West Higgins Road • Rosemont, Illinois 60018-4920 • TEL (847) 823-0500 • FAX (847) 823-0520

April 23, 2026

Wheaton Park District
102 E. Wesley Street
Wheaton, IL 60187

Attention: Steve Hinchee – Superintendent of Planning

Subject: Proposal for Construction Management for
Northside Park Pond Dredging
Wheaton, Illinois

Dear Steve:

As requested, Burke LLC is pleased to submit this proposal to provide construction management for the dredging of Northside Park Pond. We are assuming part-time management effort. Our fee is below:

DESCRIPTION	LUMP SUM FEE
Construction Management	\$ 12,000.00

Please sign and return one copy of this agreement as an indication of acceptance and notice to proceed. Please feel free to contact us anytime.

Sincerely,

James F. Amelio, PE
Principal

THIS PROPOSAL ACCEPTED BY WHEATON PARK:

BY: _____

TITLE: _____

DATE: _____

TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Brian Kimbrough, Director of Parks and Planning
Steve Hincee, Superintendent of Planning

THROUGH: Michael Benard, Executive Director

RE: Ray Morrill Community Center Phase 3 Interiors – Change Order #1

DATE: May 6, 2026



SUMMARY:

Work on the Ray Morrill Community Center phase 3 interiors is underway. A small change was recommended to complete some work in public space after hours.

COR 2608-2	Over-time to furnish and install new shutoff valves	\$565.92
	Total Change	\$565.92

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTION:

The original contract with Happ Builders was approved at the January 21, 2026 board meeting, along with a 10% contingency for this project.

REVENUE OR FUNDING IMPLICATIONS:

The original contract	3,263,090.00	Approved January 21, 2026
Change Order #1	\$565.92	Current Recommendation
Total	\$3,263,655.92	\$325,743.08 contingency remaining

STAKEHOLDER PROCESS:

Our architect reviewed these changes and recommended proceeding. Community Center staff continues to be involved though the construction process.

LEGAL REVIEW:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Williams Architects recommendation letter
Happ Builders quotes

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$565.92 a with Happ Builders.



27 April, 2026

Steve Hinchee, Supt. of Planning
Wheaton Park District
102 East Wesley Street
Wheaton, IL 60187

**Re: Ray Morrill Community Center – Phase III Renovations
Project No. 2025-005
Change Order #1**

Dear Steve,

We have reviewed the proposed Change Orders prepared by Happ Builders Inc for the subject project. The proposed changes to furnish and install new shut-off valves have been reviewed against contract document requirements and appear to be justified, with the change order amounts appropriately documented with supporting backup as required.

We support staff's recommendation to approve these changes and process a change order to Happ Builders Inc in the amount of \$565.92.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andreas Symeonides', is written in a cursive style.

Andreas Symeonides, AIA, NCARB
Associate Principal

attachments: Happ Builders Inc Change Order Request 26508-02

cc: Tom Poulos - Williams Architects
Gary Pingel – Williams Architects
Kyle Cunningham – Williams Architects



HAPP BUILDERS, INC.
GENERAL CONTRACTORS SINCE 1976

CHANGE ORDER REQUEST 26508-2

DATE: 4/9/26

JOB: Wheaton Park District

TO: Williams Architects

Ray Morrill Community Center Reno

ATTN: Andreas Symeonides

EMAIL: asymeonides@williams-architects.com

Additional cost for OT to furnish and install new shut off valves

Jensen's \$538.92

Happ 5% \$27.00

Total Additional Cost \$565.92

The contract time will be (INCREASED) (DECREASED) (UNCHANGED) BY: ASAP DAYS.
Please note that because time is of the essence on this project after _____ hours/days, the time of completion will be extended in 1-day increments for each day this request remains unsigned

This change order request void if not accepted within 21 days. A Formal Change Order signed by the Owner is required in order for the work to proceed.

APPROVED: YES NO

SUBMITTED:

BY: _____

BY: Rod Fox Rod@happbuilders.com

TITLE: _____

TITLE: VICE PRESIDENT

CC: Erika@happbuilders.com



TO: Board of Commissioners
FROM: Mike Benard, Executive Director
THROUGH: Margie Wilhelmi, Director of Marketing
Greg Bockheim, Zoo Director
Jenny Ackerman, Development Manager
RE: 2026 Cosley Zoo & DuPage Museum events
DATE: May 6, 2026



SUMMARY: Staff seeks the board's approval to serve liquor (beer/wine/RTDs/cider) at the following facilities and events in 2026.

- Boots & Bandanas at Cosley Zoo | Thursday, July 16, 5:30 – 8P
- Cosley Zoo Donor Event | Thursday, October 8, 5:30-7:30P
- DuPage Museum lecture night | Thursday, November 12, 6 – 8P

Boots & Bandanas at Cosley Zoo

This country western themed event is scheduled for Thursday, July 16, 5:30-8P. It is a ticketed event for adults 21+, with beer, wine, and cider/seltzers available for purchase. All event activities will take place within the perimeter of Cosley Zoo with most being located near the Hale Family Education Pavilion. Alcohol will be provided by and served by Arrowhead Golf Club.

Cosley Zoo Donor Event

An after-hours donor event is scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 5:30-7:30P in the Hale Family Education Pavilion at Cosley Zoo, with the Kiebler Room as back up for weather. This would be an adult 21+, invitation only free event. This event would include alcohol provided by and served by Arrowhead Golf Club.

DuPage Museum Fall Lecture

Kris Habermehl will provide a lecture on wartime production in the Chicagoland area. The museum has held fundraising lectures in the past however, this event is new for 2026. This is a ticketed event whereby Arrowhead Golf Club would provide and serve the alcohol.

REVENUE IMPLICATIONS

Tickets for Boots & Bandanas & Fall Lecture will be purchased in advance via a ticketing site. The bar staff will manage the distribution of beverages. Guests for the donor event will register in advance via a ticketing site.

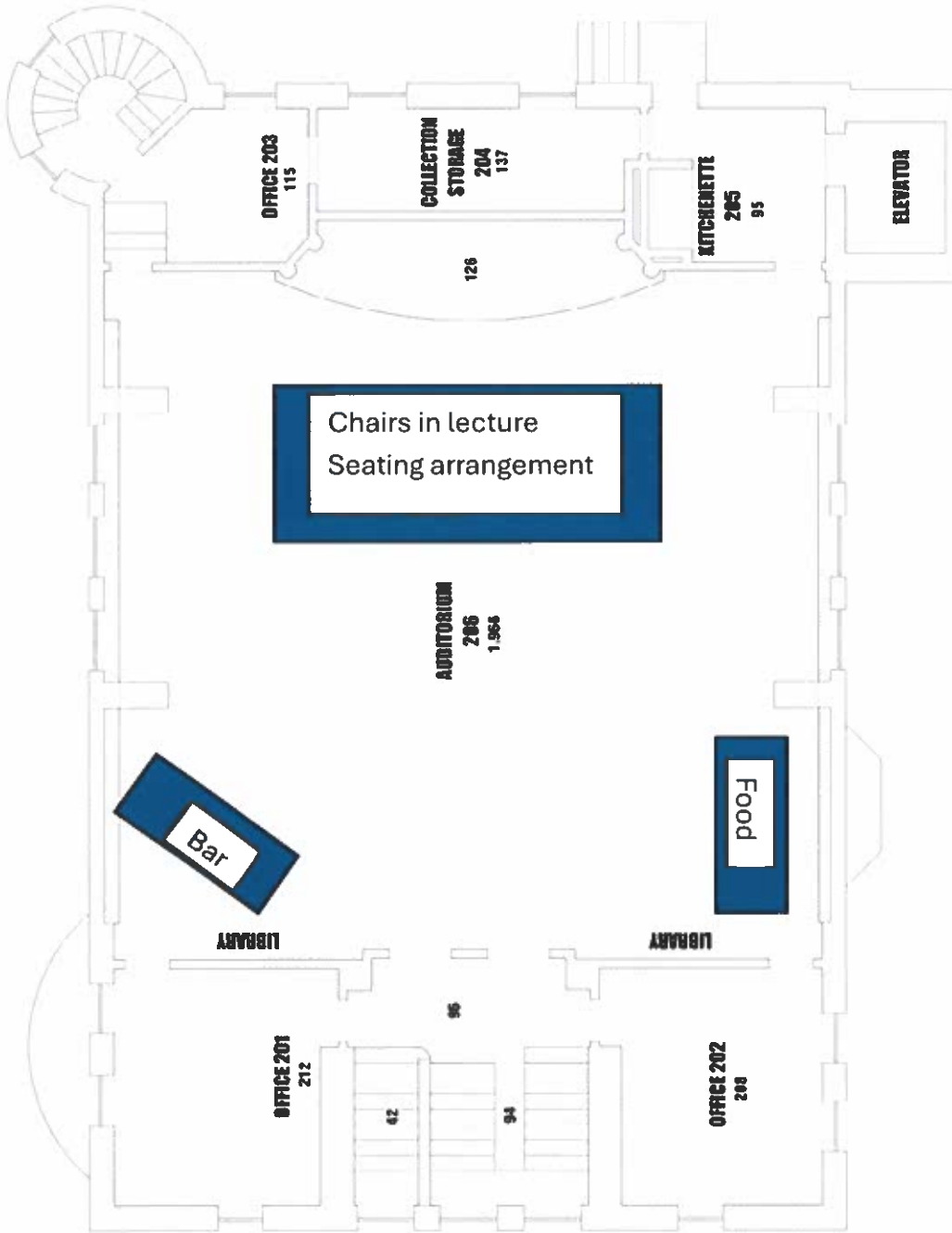
ATTACHMENTS:

- (1) Map of Projected plan/layouts for all 3 events

RECOMMENDATION: Staff seek board approval to serve beer, wine, RTDs, and ciders at the DuPage Museum and Cosley Zoo events as listed.

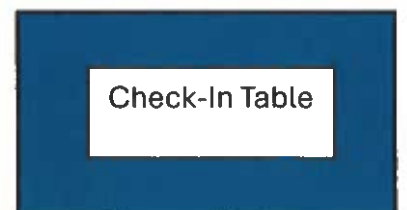
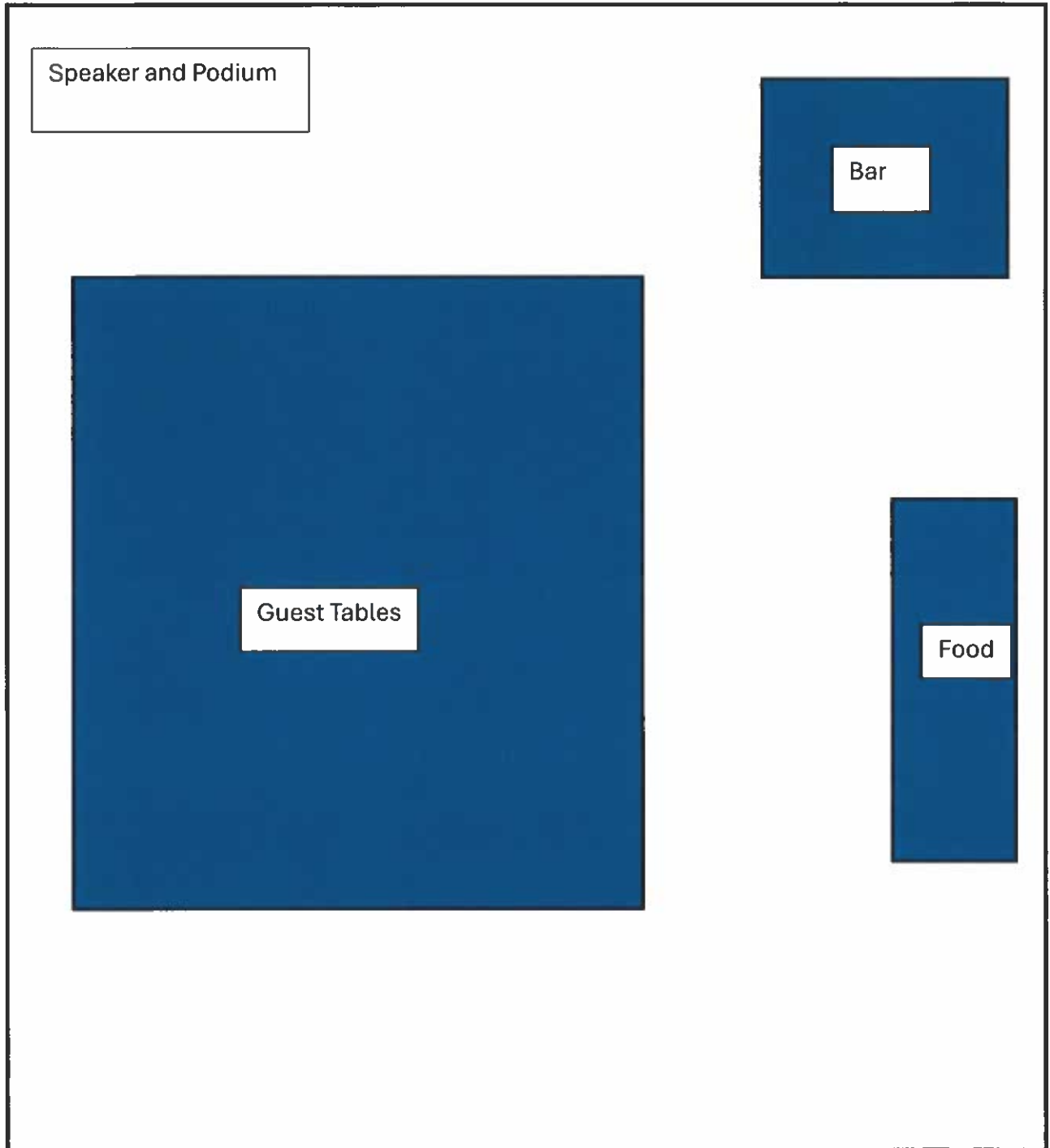


November 12: Fall Lecture Floorplan



Check-in at museum front desk on first floor

Cosley Zoo Donor Event in the Hale Family Pavilion



Cosley Zoo Boots & Bandanas Layout



TO: Board of Commissioners
 FROM: Brian Kimbrough, Director of Parks and Planning
 Nic Novak, Superintendent of Projects/Events
 THROUGH: Michael Benard, Executive Director
 RE: 2026 Pool Chemical Supply and Delivery Bid
 DATE: May 20, 2026



SUMMARY:

The previous pool chemical supply and delivery contracts have expired, and it is time to re-bid for the pool chemicals. This bid also provides for the option to renew the contracts in 2027 and 2028.

Staff requested bids for pool chemicals on April 21, 2026. Fifteen companies received bid documents, and four companies submitted bid proposals. Bids were opened on May 1, 2026, and the results are as follows:

Cells purposefully left blank in table below were not filled in by vendor in bid documents.

<i>Vendor</i>	<i>Alexander Chemical</i>	<i><u>Hawkins</u></i>	<i><u>Terrace Supply</u></i>	<i>Univar Solutions</i>
<i>Sodium Hypochlorite (Liquid) per gal.</i>	\$2.755 +\$75 quarterly fee for delivery	\$ 2.58 +\$50 fee per delivery		\$2.86 Delivery included
<i>Coagulator per 1/2 gallon</i>		\$8.00 +\$25 fee per delivery*		
<i>Cyanuric Acid (Chlorine Stabilizer) per 50 lbs. pail</i>		\$202.27 +\$50 fee per delivery*		
<i>Muriatic Acid per 15-gallon drum (in addendum #1)</i>		\$78.18 +\$50 fee per delivery*		
<i>Calcium Chloride per 50-lbs. bag</i>		\$27.00 +\$50 fee per delivery*		
<i>CO2 Liquid Gas per lbs. (Does Not include tank Rental)</i>			\$ 0.2457 (per lbs.) \$ 94.35 (per tank)	
<i>CO2 (Container Only) Monthly Rental Per Container/ Vessel</i>			\$ 0.87/Day \$26.97 per tank per month (May-Sep)	
<i>CO2 Delivery (Per Trip)</i>			\$ 36.00	

*Materials to be grouped to minimize delivery fees

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTION:

Previous chemical bids were approved in April 2023.

REVENUE OR FUNDING IMPLICATIONS:

Rice Pool: \$66,172 is budgeted within the current fiscal year (20-101-232-53-5335-0000)

Northside Pool: \$19,800 is budgeted within the current fiscal year (20-101-231-53-5335-0000)

STAKEHOLDER PROCESS:

These results have been discussed with pool maintenance and special facilities staff.

LEGAL REVIEW:

Our legal counsel provided front-end specifications and agreements for bidding.

ATTACHMENTS:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioner's approve the proposal from **Hawkins** for:

- Sodium Hypochlorite Liquid Supply and Delivery in the amount of **\$ 2.58 per gallon**
- Coagulator Supply and Delivery in the amount of **\$8.00 per ½ gallon.**
- Cyanuric Acid Supply and Delivery in the amount of **\$202.27 per 50-lbs. pail.**
- Muriatic Acid Supply and Delivery in the amount of **\$78.18 per 15-gallon drum.**
- Calcium Chloride Supply and Delivery in the amount of **27.00 per 50-lbs. bag.**

It is recommended that the Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioner's approve the proposal from **Terrace Supply** for:

- CO2 Liquid Gas Supply and Delivery in the amount of **\$0.2457/per lb. or \$94.35 per tank.**
- CO2 Container rental fee of **\$ 0.87/ per container/vessel per day.**
- CO2 Container delivery fee of **\$ 36.00 / per trip.**

Plus delivery fees listed in table in Summary section above.



TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Brian Kimbrough, Director of Parks and Planning
Joe Themel, Superintendent of Fleet and Parks

THROUGH: Michael Benard, Executive Director

RE: 2026 F250 Regular Cab Purchase

DATE: May 6, 2026

SUMMARY:

We budgeted to replace Truck #1105, a 2005 Chevrolet C2500 pickup truck. This vehicle was retired from Cosley Zoo ten years ago and has since been used by the Parks Department, primarily for daily towing of ballfield materials and equipment. After 21 years of service, the truck has accumulated wear and tear. It currently has 87,000 miles and we recommend sending this truck to auction for best possible turnout and proceeding with its replacement.

We are seeking to purchase a 2026 Ford F-250 Regular Cab pickup truck. This vehicle has current safety features, such as a backup camera, which will assist with safely and efficiently hooking up trailers. The F-250 also offers increased payload capacity to better support our hauling and daily needs. Delivery is expected in summer of 2026

In accordance with Wheaton Park District policy, the existing vehicle will be disposed of through an online municipal auction service to ensure we obtain the best possible return. We are estimating the auction value of this truck to be \$3,800.00

We have obtained quotes from several reputable vendors:

- **Currie Motors**, from whom we purchased vehicles last year and we received good service and pricing.
- **Bob Ridings**, from whom we have purchased vehicles from in previous years
- **Morrow Brothers Ford**, from whom we have purchased vehicles in the last two years

Each of the quotes received is for a vehicle that meets our required specifications.

We are requesting approval to proceed with the purchase of the selected vehicle.

Budget	Description	Currie Motors	Bob Ridings Ford	Morrow Brothers
\$40,000.00	2026 F250 Regular cab pickup truck	<u>\$42,767.00</u>	\$43,358.00	\$47,058.00

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTION:

The board has approved vehicle purchases annually through state purchasing when applicable.

REVENUE OR FUNDING IMPLICATIONS:

The items above are line items in the 2026 Capital Budget 10-101-000-57-5706-0000

STAKEHOLDER PROCESS:

Not applicable.

LEGAL REVIEW:

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS:

Quotes from: Currie Motors Ford, Bob Ridings Ford, and Morrow Brothers Ford

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board of Commissioners approves the purchase of a Ford F250 pickup truck through Currie Motors Ford at a total price of \$42,767.00.

CURRIE MOTORS FLEET

INVOICE

10125 West Laraway Rd
Frankfort, IL 60423

Phone: 815-464-9200

Fax: 815-464-7500

curriefleet@gmail.com

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SALESPERSON	Nic Cortellini
TERMS	COD
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Wheaton Park Dist

STOCK #	DESCRIPTION	VIN	AMOUNT
	2026 Ford F-250 Regular Cab 4x2		\$41,380.00
	Locking Differential		\$392.00
	85L - Drop In Bed Liner		\$ 319.00
	76C- Back Up Alarm		\$ 200.00
	52B - Trailer Brake Controller		\$ 273.00
	Oxford White		
	AS- Medium Dark Slate 40/40/40 Vinyl Interior		
	License and Title (M Plates)		\$ 203.00
FINANCE CHARGES will apply if the invoice is unpaid from <u>15 days</u> after delivery date of the vehicle. The "FINANCE CHARGES" are computed by a periodic rate of <u>1%</u> per month. The title application must be filed with Secretary of State within <u>30 days</u> or will be subject to a delinquent fee of <u>\$188.00</u>			SUBTOTAL \$ 42,767.00
DIRECT ALL INQUIRIES TO:			MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
			PAY THIS AMOUNT \$ 42,767.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

**Bob Ridings Fleet Sales
Todd Crews, Fleet Sales Mgr.
931 Springfield Rd
Taylorville IL 62568**

Ph. 217-824-2207

Email toddfleet@aol.com

Fax 217-824-4252

Thursday, February 05, 2026

JOE THEMEL
WHEATON PARK DISTRICT
1000 MANCHESTER RD
WHEATON, IL 60187

Thank you for your inquiry about our Fleet Sales Program, please accept this letter to outline our bid. We are pleased you are again considering us for your new truck and we can order it as follows; delivery is estimated in 90-120 days after your order. NOTE that the State Bid is not referenced on these forms, this is our best government bid pricing BUT not covered by the State. THIS PROPOSAL LETTER IS NOT AN ORDER, you must issue a purchase order to confirm, **WE SUGGEST ORDER BY 2-28-26 or INQUIRE!** Contact me if any questions or changes and thanks,

1 2026 Ford F250 REGULAR Cab 2wd (F2A) Pickup w/8ft LONG Bed # 1105
Includes All Standard XL Pkg Equipment, Pkg 600A
(99A) 6.8 Litre V8 w/(44F) 10spd Automatic 10,000 GVWR
Air Conditioning Tilt Wheel & Cruise Control
NOW INCLUDES Power Windows/Locks/Remote Keyless Entry w/2 FOBs
AM/FM w/SYNC 4 Bluetooth & 8" Touchscreen Controls & Rearview Camera
AutoLamp On/Off Headlamps & Programmable (942) Daytime Running Lamps
Trailer Pkg w/HD Cooling, Class IV Hitch w/7 Wire Harness
Power Heated Trailer Tow Mirrors, Extendable AND MORE!
BASE COST \$41,095.00
ADD (52B) Factory Trailer Brake \$295.00
Aux Rear Springs & Stabilizer \$160.00
3.73 Electronic Locking Axle \$415.00
USE STANDARD All Season Tires
NOT AVAILABLE Snowplow Prep Pkg, NOT Approved for Snowplow Use
(76C) Factory Backup Alarm \$225.00
(18B) Factory Black Running Boards \$320.00
(85L) Plastic Drop in Bedliner \$375.00
NOT ORDERED Bedliner
Delivery to your Location \$250.00
New Municipal Lic & Title \$223.00
(Z1) White Ext, (AS) Gray VINYL 40/20/40 Split Seat, Full Vinyl Floor Covering
YOUR COST, P/O # Pending \$43,358.00

10,000 GVWR, Payload Approx 3000lb, 21,000 GCWR, Max Trailer Wt Approx 14,000lb
NOTE if this outline is incorrect in any way please call me IMMEDIATELY to correct it.
Please contact me with any questions and thanks for your business!

Sincerely,

Todd Crews
Fleet Sales Manager



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January 28, 2026

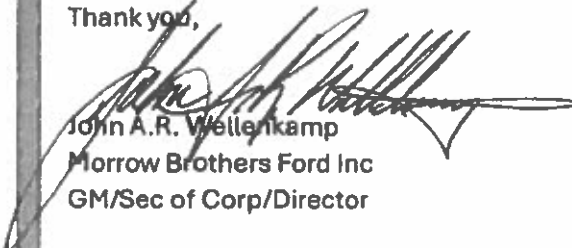
#1105

Wheaton Park District
102 East Wesley Street
Wheaton, IL 60187
1-630-988-6900
jthemel@wheatonparks.org

- NEW 2026 Ford F250 4x2 Regular Cab Pickup
- 6.8L V-8 Gasoline Engine w/10 Speed Automatic Transmission
- Z1 White Exterior w/AS Gray Vinyl Seating, LT245/75R17 AS Tires, 4 Wheel Disc Brakes
- Power Windows/Locks/Mirrors, Remote Keyless Entry, (2) Keys w/Remotes, Rearview Camera
- Cruise, Tilt, Telescoping Steering, SYNC 4, Bluetooth, Trailer Tow Mirrors, Tow Package
- Daytime Running Lights, Front & Side Airbags, AM/FM/MP3 Radio, Auto On/Off Headlamps
- Trailer Brake Controller, Platform Running Boards, Back Up Alarm, E Locking Rear Axle, Plastic Bedliner
- New IL License/Title, Delivery to Wheaton Park District, All Other Standard Equipment

\$47,058.00

Thank you,



John A.R. Wellenkamp
Morrow Brothers Ford Inc
GM/Sec of Corp/Director

Signature of Acceptance _____

Date _____

Printed Name _____ Title _____

Date _____



TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Brian Kimbrough, Director of Parks and Planning
Joe Themel, Superintendent of Fleet and Parks

THROUGH: Michael Benard, Executive Director

RE: 2026 F150 Pool Truck Purchase

DATE: May 6, 2026

SUMMARY:

We have budgeted for the replacement of Truck #1118, our 2012 Chevrolet Colorado pickup, which is currently used by our pool technicians for daily operations, including transporting pumps, parts and ice rink supplies.

The new vehicle included in our budget is slightly larger than the Colorado platform and will feature enhanced safety equipment, including a large backup camera, four-wheel drive, and a compact, fuel-efficient engine. The increased bed size and towing capacity will better support our needs, such as hauling pool chairs and materials, and towing more payload. Delivery is anticipated in summer 2026.

In accordance with Wheaton Park District policy, the existing vehicle will be disposed of through an online municipal auction service to ensure we obtain the best possible return. We are estimating the auction value of this truck to be \$5,200.00

We have obtained quotes from several reputable vendors:

- **Currie Motors**, the awarded dealer under the Suburban Co-op contract for F-150s
- **Bob Ridings**, from whom we have purchased vehicles from in previous years
- **Morrow Brothers Ford**, from whom we have purchased vehicles from in previous years

Each of the quotes received is for a vehicle that meets our required specifications.

We request approval to proceed with the purchase of the selected vehicle.

Budget	Description	Currie Motors	Bob Ridings Ford	Morrow Brothers Ford
\$40,000.00	2026 F150 4x4 pickup	\$39,860.00	\$40,418.00	\$42,515.00

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTION:

The board has approved vehicle purchases annually through State purchasing when applicable.

REVENUE OR FUNDING IMPLICATIONS:

The items above are line items in the 2026 Capital Budget 10-101-000-57-5706-0000

CURRIE MOTORS FLEET

INVOICE

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Frankfort, IL 60423

Phone: 815-464-9200

Fax: 815-464-7500

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PURCHASE ORDER NO.	
SALESPERSON	Nic Cortellini
TERMS	COD
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Wheaton Park Dist

STOCK #	DESCRIPTION	VIN	AMOUNT
	2026 Ford F-150 Regular Cab 4x4		\$39,447.00
	85H - Back Up Alarm		\$210.00
	Oxford White		
	Vinyl 40/20/40 Front Seats		
	License and Title (M- Plates)		\$ 203.00

FINANCE CHARGES will apply if the invoice is unpaid from 15 days after delivery date of the vehicle. The "FINANCE CHARGES" are computed by a periodic rate of 1% per month. The title application must be filed with Secretary of State within 30 days or will be subject to a delinquent fee of \$188.00

SUBTOTAL \$ 39,860.00

DIRECT ALL INQUIRIES TO:

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

PAY THIS AMOUNT

\$ 39,860.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!



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January 28, 2026


#1118

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NEW 2026 Ford F150 4x4 Regular Cab Pickup
-Oxford White w/Gray Vinyl Seating, Vinyl Flooring
-325 HP EcoBoost V6 with 10-Speed Automatic, Electronic Shift on the Fly 4x4
-4 Wheel Disc Brakes, Electric Parking Brake, 200 Amp Alternator, 265/70R17 All Terrain Tires
-Fully Boxed Frame, Trailer Sway Control, Power Windows/Locks, SYNC Bluetooth
-AM/FM Stereo, 12V Powerpoint, Advance Trac, Rear View Camera, Reverse Sensing, TPMS
-Back Alarm, Halogen Headlamps, Driver/Passenger/Side Curtain Airbags
-New IL License/Title, Delivery to Wheaton Park District, All Other Standard Equipment

\$42,515.00

Thank you


John A.R. Wellenkamp
Morrow Brothers Ford Inc
GM/Sec of Corp/Director

Signature of Acceptance _____

Date _____

Printed Name _____ Title _____

Date _____

TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Brian Kimbrough, Director of Parks and Planning
Joe Themel, Superintendent of Fleet and Parks

THROUGH: Michael Benard, Executive Director

RE: 2026 Ford F450 Dump Truck Purchase

DATE: May 6, 2026



SUMMARY:

We budgeted to replace Truck #1104, a 2012 Ford F-450 regular cab dump truck. This vehicle is primarily used by the projects crew for park maintenance throughout the district, including playground construction, carpentry work, and hauling a skid steer or pallets of construction materials on an equipment trailer. The truck currently has 56,000 miles, and a trailer has been attached for most of its service life. As a 14-year-old vehicle that has tows daily, the truck is now showing wear and increasing rust. We are estimating this vehicle will sell at auction for around \$15,000.00

We are seeking to purchase a 2026 Ford F-450 regular cab dump truck equipped with a dump body featuring tip-down sides to facilitate loading of implements and pallets. The vehicle has modern safety features, including a rear-view backup camera. Delivery is expected Fall of 2026

We have obtained quotes from several reputable vendors:

- **Currie Motors**, from whom we purchased vehicles last year and have liked the service and pricing.
- **Bob Ridings**, from whom we have purchased vehicles from in previous years
- **Morrow Brothers Ford**, from whom we have purchased vehicles in the last two years

Each of the quotes received is for a vehicle that meets our required specifications. We are requesting approval to proceed with the purchase of the selected vehicle.

Budget	Description	Currie Motors	Bob Ridings Ford	Morrow Brothers
\$65,000.00	2026 F450 Regular Cab Dump truck	\$76,359.00	\$76,818.00	\$81,181.00

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTION:

The board has approved vehicle purchases annually through state purchasing when applicable.

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SALESPERSON	Nic Cortellini
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Wheaton Park Dist

STOCK #	DESCRIPTION	VIN	AMOUNT
	2026 Ford F-450 Regular Cab 4x4		\$59,445.00
44G	Locking Differential		\$395.00
TGK	All Terrain Tires (4)		\$ 215.00
96V	XL Chrome Package		\$ 425.00
473	Snow Plow Prep		\$ 350.00
18B	Platform Running Boards		\$ 320.00
59H	Center High Mounted Stop Lamp		\$ 100.00
872	Rear View Camera Prep Kit		\$ 515.00
76C	Exterior Back Up Alarm		\$ 230.00
	Oxford White		
	AS- Medium Dark Slate 40/40/40 Vinyl Interior		\$ 203.00
	License and Title M-Plates		\$ 203.00
	11' Drop Side Dump Body Painted White to match		\$ 19,867.00
	Currie Motors Fleet/ Government Discount		\$ (5,909.00)
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DIRECT ALL INQUIRIES TO:		MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO:	PAY THIS AMOUNT
			\$ 76,359.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

**Bob Ridings Fleet Sales
Todd Crews, Fleet Sales Mgr.
931 Springfield Rd
Taylorville IL 62568**

Ph. 217-824-2207

Email toddfleet@aol.com

Fax 217-824-4252

Thursday, February 05, 2026

JOE THEMEL
WHEATON PARK DISTRICT
1000 MANCHESTER RD
WHEATON, IL 60187

Thank you for your inquiry about our Fleet Sales Program, please accept this letter to outline our bid. We are pleased you are again considering us for your new truck and we can order it as follows; delivery is estimated in 120-150+ days after your order. NOTE that the State Bid is not referenced on these forms, this is our best government bid pricing BUT not covered by the State. THIS PROPOSAL LETTER IS NOT AN ORDER, you must issue a purchase order to confirm, **WE SUGGEST ORDER BY 2-28-26 or INQUIRE!** Contact me if any questions or changes and thanks,

1 2026 Ford F450 REGULAR Cab 4x4 (F4H) Chassis # 1104
Includes All Standard XL Pkg Equipment, Pkg 650A BLACK Grille & Bumper
7.3 Litre V8 w/10spd Automatic 16,500 GVWR DUAL Rear Wheels
225/70R19.5F Tires w/NO SPARE Tire Electric Shift on the Fly 4x4
Air Conditioning Tilt Wheel & Cruise Control Upfitter Switch Panel
NOW INCLUDES Power Windows/Locks/Remote Keyless Entry w/2 FOBs
AutoLamp On/Off Headlamps & Programmable (942) Daytime Running Lamps
AM/FM w/SYNC 4 Bluetooth & 8" Touchscreen Controls (18A) Upfitter Interface Module
Power Heated Trailer Tow Mirrors, Extendable (62R) PTO Provision
Trailer Pkg w/HD Cooling, 7 Wire Harness (NO Hitch w/Chassis)
Audible Lane Departure Warning & PreCollision Assist w/Automatic Emergency Braking
BASE COST \$55,045.00
USE LONGER 84" Cab/Axle, 40 Gallon Rear Fuel Tank, Suitable for 11ft Body Install
ADD (52B) Built in Factory Trailer Brake \$295.00
(67B) HD Alternator
(86M) DUAL Batteries
(473) Snowplow Prep Pkg \$235.00 (HD Front Springs)
NOT ORDERED 4.88 Limited Slip Axle
NOT ORDERED (872) Rearview Camera Kit
USE STANDARD All Season Tires NO SPARE Tire
(76C) Factory Backup Alarm \$225.00
(18B) Factory Black Running Boards \$320.00
Includes Front Fender Flares and Molded Mudflaps
CRYSTEEL 11ft Dump Body Pkg w/Electric Hoist, Fixed Sides, Paint Black
w/Trailer Hitch Receiver \$18,885.00
ADD Fold Down Sides \$1295.00
Delivery to your Location \$295.00
New Municipal Lic & Title \$223.00
(Z1) White Ext, (AS) Gray VINYL 40/20/40 Split Seat, Full Vinyl Floor Covering
YOUR COST, P/O # Pending \$76,818.00

16,500 GVWR, Payload Approx 9500lb Including Body, 30,000 GCWR, Max Trailer Wt Approx 18,500lb
NOTE if this outline is incorrect in any way please call me IMMEDIATELY to correct it.
Please contact me with any questions and thanks for your business!

Sincerely,

Todd Crews
Fleet Sales Manager



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January 28, 2026


1104

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jthamel@wheatonparks.org

- NEW 2026 Ford F450 4x4 Regular Cab Chassis Cab, 84 Cab to Axle- Accepts 11' Body
- 7.3 L V-8 Gasoline Engine w/10 Speed Automatic Transmission
- Z1 White Exterior w/AS Gray Vinyl Seating, LT225/70R19.5 Tires, 4 Wheel Disc Brakes
- Power Windows/Locks/Mirrors, Remote Keyless Entry, (2) Keys w/Remotes
- Cruise, Tilt, Telescoping Steering, SYNC 4, Bluetooth, Trailer Tow Mirrors, HD Alternator
- Daytime Running Lights, Front & Side Airbags, AM/FM/MP3 Radio, Auto On/Off Headlamps
- Platform Running Boards, Back Up Alarm, Trailer Brake Controller, Plow Prep, Dual Batteries
- 11' Dump w/Fold Down Sides- Powder Coated White, Rear Hitch Plate w/D Rings and 7 Way
- New IL License/Title, Delivery to Wheaton Park District, All Other Standard Equipment

\$81,181.00

Thank you


John A.R. Wellenkamp
Morrow Brothers Ford Inc
GM/Sec of Corp/Director

Signature of Acceptance _____

Date _____

Printed Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Brian Kimbrough, Director of Parks and Planning
Joe Themel, Superintendent of Fleet and Parks

THROUGH: Michael Benard, Executive Director

RE: 2026 F250 Crew Cab Purchase

DATE: May 6, 2026



SUMMARY:

We budgeted to replace Truck #1119, a 2005 Chevy C2500 crew cab pickup. This vehicle is used year-round by Parks Maintenance staff for park operations, towing for special events, and hauling equipment and water wagons. The crew cab configuration makes it valuable for transporting multiple staff members to job sites. Truck #1119 has been in service for 21 years and has 76,000 miles of towing and heavy work use. Due to its age, the vehicle is beginning to show rust and general wear.

We are seeking to purchase a 2026 Ford F-250 Crew Cab pickup. This new vehicle is equipped with modern safety features, including a backup camera, which will improve safety and efficiency when hooking up trailers. The F-250 also provides increased payload capacity to better support our hauling and daily work needs, along with a fuel-efficient engine. The estimated delivery date for this truck is mid-summer 2026.

In accordance with Wheaton Park District policy, the existing vehicle will be disposed of through an online municipal auction service to ensure we obtain the best possible return. We are estimating the auction value of this truck to be \$4,800.00

- **Currie Motors**, from whom we purchased vehicles last year and have liked the service and pricing.
- **Bob Ridings**, from whom we have purchased vehicles from in previous years
- **Morrow Brothers Ford**, from whom we have purchased vehicles in the last two years

Each of the quotes received is for a vehicle that meets our required specifications.

We are requesting approval to proceed with the purchase of the selected vehicle.

Budget	Description	Currie Motors	Bob Ridings Ford	Morrow Brothers
\$45,000.00	2026 F250 Crew Cab pickup truck	<u>\$46,585.00</u>	\$47,618.00	\$50,848.00

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTION:

The board has approved vehicle purchases annually through state purchasing when applicable.

REVENUE OR FUNDING IMPLICATIONS:

The items above are line items in the 2026 Capital Budget 10-101-000-57-5706-0000

STAKEHOLDER PROCESS:

Not applicable.

LEGAL REVIEW:

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS:

Quotes from Currie Motors, Ford Bob Ridings Ford, and Morrow Brothers Ford

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board of Commissioners approve the purchase of a Ford F250 Crew Cab pickup truck through Currie Motors Ford at a total price of \$46,585.00.

CURRIE MOTORS FLEET

INVOICE

10125 West Laraway Rd
Frankfort, IL 60423

Phone: 815-464-9200

Fax: 815-464-7500

curriefleet@gmail.com

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Wheaton Park Dist

QUOTE

INVOICE NUMBER	QUOTE
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SALESPERSON	Nic Cortellini
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SHIPPED TO:
Wheaton Park Dist

STOCK #	DESCRIPTION	VIN	AMOUNT
	2026 Ford F-250 Super Cab 4x2 6.5ft Bed		\$45,112.00
	Locking Differential		\$392.00
	18B - Platform Running Boards		\$ 405.00
	76C- Back Up Alarm		\$ 200.00
	52B - Trailer Brake Controller		\$ 273.00
	Oxford White		
	AS- Medium Dark Slate 40/40/40 Vinyl Interior		
	License and Title (M Plates)		\$ 203.00

FINANCE CHARGES will apply if the invoice is unpaid from 15 days after delivery date of the vehicle. The "FINANCE CHARGES" are computed by a periodic rate of 1% per month. The title application must be filed with Secretary of State within 30 days or will be subject to a delinquent fee of \$188.00

SUBTOTAL \$ 46,585.00

DIRECT ALL INQUIRIES TO:

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

PAY THIS AMOUNT

\$ 46,585.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

**Bob Ridings Fleet Sales
Todd Crews, Fleet Sales Mgr.
931 Springfield Rd
Taylorville IL 62568**

Ph. 217-824-2207

Email toddfleet@aol.com

Fax 217-824-4252

Thursday, February 05, 2026

JOE THEMEL
WHEATON PARK DISTRICT
1000 MANCHESTER RD
WHEATON, IL 60187

Thank you for your inquiry about our Fleet Sales Program, please accept this letter to outline our bid. We are pleased you are again considering us for your new truck and we can order it as follows; delivery is estimated in 90-120 days after your order. NOTE that the State Bid is not referenced on these forms, this is our best government bid pricing BUT not covered by the State. THIS PROPOSAL LETTER IS NOT AN ORDER, you must issue a purchase order to confirm, **WE SUGGEST ORDER BY 2-28-26 or INQUIRE!** Contact me if any questions or changes and thanks,

1 2026 Ford F250 CREW Cab 2wd (W2A) Pickup w/6.75ft SHORT Bed # 1119
CREW Cab includes FULL rear doors and FULL rear seat
Includes All Standard XL Pkg Equipment, Pkg 600A
(99A) 6.8 Litre V8 w/(44F) 10spd Automatic 10,000 GVWR
Air Conditioning Tilt Wheel & Cruise Control
**NOW INCLUDES Power Windows/Locks/Remote Keyless Entry w/2 FOBs
AM/FM w/SYNC 4 Bluetooth & 8" Touchscreen Controls & Rearview Camera
AutoLamp On/Off Headlamps & Programmable (942) Daytime Running Lamps
Trailer Pkg w/HD Cooling, Class IV Hitch w/7 Wire Harness
Power Heated Trailer Tow Mirrors, Extendable AND MORE!**
BASE COST \$45,605.00
ADD (52B) Factory Trailer Brake \$295.00
Aux Rear Springs & Stabilizer \$160.00
3.73 Electronic Locking Axle \$415.00
USE STANDARD All Season Tires
NOT AVAILABLE Snowplow Prep Pkg, NOT Approved for Snowplow Use
(76C) Factory Backup Alarm \$225.00
(18B) Factory Black Running Boards \$445.00
NOT ORDERED Bedliner
Delivery to your Location \$250.00
New Municipal Lic & Title \$223.00
(Z1) White Ext, (AS) Gray VINYL 40/20/40 Split Seat, Full Vinyl Floor Covering
YOUR COST, P/O # Pending \$47,618.00

10,000 GVWR, Payload Approx 3000lb, 21,000 GCWR, Max Trailer Wt Approx 14,000lb
NOTE if this outline is incorrect in any way please call me IMMEDIATELY to correct it.
Please contact me with any questions and thanks for your business!

Sincerely,

Todd Crews
Fleet Sales Manager



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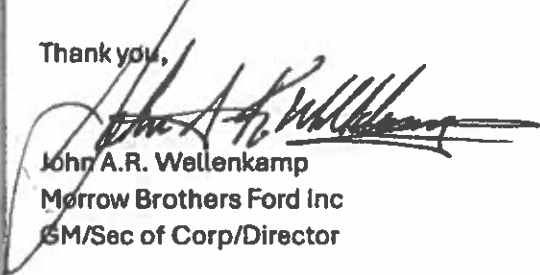
February 6, 2026

Wheaton Park District
102 East Wesley Street
Wheaton, IL 60187
1-630-988-6900
jthemel@wheatonparks.org

NEW 2026 Ford F250 4x2 Crew Cab Pickup w/6.75' Pickup Box
-6.8L V-8 Gasoline Engine w/10 Speed Automatic Transmission
-Z1 White Exterior w/AS Gray Vinyl Seating, LT245/75R17 AS Tires, 4 Wheel Disc Brakes
-Power Windows/Locks/Mirrors, Remote Keyless Entry, (2) Keys w/Remotes, Rearview Camera
-Cruise, Tilt, Telescoping Steering, SYNC 4, Bluetooth, Trailer Tow Mirrors, Tow Package
-Daytime Running Lights, Front & Side Airbags, AM/FM/MP3 Radio, Auto On/Off Headlamps
-Trailer Brake Controller, Platform Running Boards, Back Up Alarm, E Locking Rear Axle
-New IL License/Title, Delivery to Wheaton Park District, All Other Standard Equipment

\$50,848.00

Thank you,


John A.R. Wellenkamp
Morrow Brothers Ford Inc
GM/Sec of Corp/Director

Signature of Acceptance _____

Date _____

Printed Name _____ Title _____

Date _____



TO: Board of Commissioners
FROM: Brian Kimbrough, Director of Parks and Planning
Joe Themel, Superintendent of Fleet and Parks
THROUGH: Michael Benard, Executive Director
RE: Totaled 2017 Ford Transit Van
DATE: May 6, 2026

SUMMARY:

On March 25, 2026, Truck #1129, a 2017 Ford Transit van, was involved in an accident and subsequently deemed a total loss by PDRMA. The estimated cost of repairs was \$15,740.81, while the actual cash value of the vehicle was determined to be \$17,475.00. Per PDRMA's policy, when repair costs meet or exceed 75% of a vehicle's value, it is classified as a total loss.

Being that the vehicle is less than 10 years old, PDRMA will cover the replacement with a new vehicle. We submitted quotes for a new Ford Transit van with equivalent specifications and approval was granted to proceed with a purchase through Currie Motors at a cost of \$47,505.00 with the invoice being paid entirely by PDRMA. We will have to pay our \$1,000.00 deductible.

We obtained quotes from both Currie Motors and Landmark Ford. Each quote reflects a vehicle that meets our operational requirements, including the necessary shelving configurations. This Van is covered by the suburban purchasing Cooperative contract.

Description	Currie Motors	Landmark Ford
2026 Ford Transit 150 Van	\$47,505.00	\$50,252.00

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTION:

N/A

REVENUE OR FUNDING IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

STAKEHOLDER PROCESS:

N/A

LEGAL REVIEW:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS: Quotes from: SPC contract, Currie Motors Ford and Landmark Ford

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

We recommend the Board approves the purchase of a replacement 2026 Ford Transit Van. PDRMA will pay Currie Motors directly; the Wheaton Park District will pay PDRMA the \$1,000.00 deductible.



A Joint Purchasing Program For Local Government Agencies

October 24, 2025

Mr. Thomas Sullivan
Currie Motors
10125 W. Laraway Road
Frankfort, IL 60423

Dear Mr. Sullivan,

This is to request vehicle year roll-overs and the second of three possible, one-year contract extensions on the following SPC contracts through October 26, 2026:

Ford Interceptor Utility Contract #204 with all standard equipment, conventional gas, and optional hybrid

Ford Transit Full Size Van Contract #207, standard equipment, standard wheelbase and electric 1-ton van

Ford Escape Contract #206

The SPC reserves the right to extend these contracts for one additional one-year terms upon mutual agreement of both the vendor and the SPC on a negotiated basis. With acceptance of these contracts, Currie Motors agrees to all terms and conditions set forth in the specifications contained within the Requests for Proposals to which you responded. Currie Motors will handle all billing. Each vehicle purchased will be assessed a \$150.00 administrative fee per vehicle which shall be paid directly by the vendor to the SPC on a quarterly basis.

The SPC looks forward to a productive year working with Currie Motors. Please sign and date this agreement below, retaining copies for your files and returning the original to my attention.

Sincerely,

Ellen Dayan, CPPB
Purchasing Director
Northwest Municipal Conference

10/24/2025

Name: Ellen Dayan
Northwest Municipal Conference

Date

thomas sullivan

10/24/25

Name: Tom Sullivan
Currie Motors

Date

DuPage Mayors & Managers Conference
1220 Oak Brook Road
Oak Brook, IL 60523
Suzette Quintell
Phone: (630) 571-0480
Fax: (630) 571-0484

Northwest Municipal Conference
1600 East Golf Rd., Suite 0700
Des Plaines, IL 60016
Ellen Dayan, CPPB
Phone: (847) 296-9200
Fax: (847) 296-9207

South Suburban Mayors And Managers Association
1904 West 174th Street
East Hazel Crest, IL 60429
Kristi DeLaurentiis
Phone: (708) 206-1155
Fax: (708) 206-1133

Will County Governmental League
15905 S. Frederick Street
Suite 107
Plainfield, IL 60586
Cherie Belom
Phone: (815) 254-7700

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SPC Contract # 207

INVOICE NUMBER	QUOTE
INVOICE DATE	
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SALESPERSON	Nic Cortellini
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SHIPPED TO:
Wheaton Park Dist

STOCK #	DESCRIPTION	VIN	AMOUNT
	2026 Ford Transit Cargo Van (E1Y)		\$44,671.00
	X7L - 3.73 Limited Slip Axle Ratio		\$296.00
	21P- Dark Palazzo Gray Vinyl Bucket Seats with armrest		N/C
	15F- Full Rear Compartment Lighting		\$ 69.00
	86F-Keys 2 Additional w/Fobs		\$ 69.00
	47U-Bulk Head with Window-Low Roof		\$ 1,101.00
	66E- Multi-Level Fixed Shelving - Driver Side Only		\$ 923.00
	43B- Back Up Alarm		\$ 173.00
	Color - Oxford White		N/C
	License and Title Municipal		\$ 203.00
FINANCE CHARGES will apply if the invoice is unpaid from <u>15 days</u> after delivery date of the vehicle. The "FINANCE CHARGES" are computed by a periodic rate of <u>1%</u> per month. The title application must be filed with Secretary of State within <u>30 days</u> or will be subject to a delinquent fee of <u>\$188.00</u>		SUBTOTAL	\$ 47,505.00

DIRECT ALL INQUIRIES TO:

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

PAY THIS AMOUNT

\$ 47,505.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

TO: Board of Commissioners
FROM: Sandra Simpson, Director of Finance
THROUGH: Michael Benard, Executive Director
RE: Annual Review of Finance Policies and Proposed Amendments
DATE: May 6, 2026



SUMMARY:

Since 2009, the District has adopted a best practice of regularly reviewing and updating its Finance Policies during each budget cycle. This approach is now an essential part of our organizational culture and is actively maintained by staff year-round.

The staff have provided recommended policy additions following their review of the existing policies throughout the past year.

Also, included is a complete set of Finance policies for your reference.

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTION:

Annual Review and Adoption of the Amended Finance Policies of the Wheaton Park District at the May 21, 2025, Regular Meeting

REVENUE OR FUNDING IMPLICATIONS:

The Finance Policies of the Wheaton Park District guide the development of the annual budget and set appropriate boundaries for park district operations.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Summary of recommended policy additions
- Proposed policy additions
- Full set of Finance Policies as approved by the Board in May 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners approve the additions of the Budget Amendment Policy and Long-Term Financial Planning Policy as presented.

Summary of Policy Amendment Recommendations

2027 Budget Cycle

The Wheaton Park District maintains a strong and comprehensive financial policy framework that aligns with Illinois Park District best practices and auditor expectations. The District has adopted clear and effective policies governing budgeting, accounting, purchasing, investments, debt management, internal controls, and compliance. Collectively, these policies provide a solid foundation for financial oversight and governance.

As part of the annual policy review, staff also identified opportunities to enhance clarity and strengthen long-term financial stewardship by formalizing practices that already occur operationally. Based on this evaluation, staff is recommending the adoption of two additional governance-level policies:

- **Budget Amendment Policy**
- **Long-Term Financial Planning Policy**

These policies are intended to build upon the District's existing strengths, not to correct deficiencies.

The **Budget Amendment Policy** will clearly define authority, thresholds, and timing for budget changes, including when Board approval is required. Establishing this policy enhances transparency, reduces ambiguity, and aligns with evolving audit expectations related to budget governance.

The **Long-Term Financial Planning Policy** will formalize expectations for multi-year financial forecasting, structural balance, and the use of one-time revenues. While long-range planning already occurs through the annual budget and capital planning processes, this policy elevates those practices to a Board-adopted framework and reinforces the District's commitment to long-term financial sustainability.

Adoption of these two policies directly addresses high-value enhancement areas identified in the policy review and further strengthens the District's financial governance without duplicating existing controls. Together, they support informed decision-making, promote fiscal discipline, and position the District well for future planning and oversight.

Staff recommends Board consideration and adoption of the proposed policies.

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Long-Term Financial Planning Policy is to establish a framework for the proactive evaluation of the Wheaton Park District's ("District") financial condition over a multi-year horizon. Long-term financial planning supports informed decision-making, fiscal sustainability, and the responsible stewardship of public resources by identifying financial trends, risks, and opportunities beyond the annual budget cycle.

II. POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the Wheaton Park District to maintain a structurally balanced and financially sustainable operation through the use of long-term financial planning. The District shall periodically prepare and review multi-year financial projections to assess its ability to maintain service levels, fund capital needs, manage debt, and respond to changing economic and operational conditions. Long-term financial planning is intended to inform policy decisions and strategic priorities and does not replace the Board's authority to adopt the annual budget or capital plans.

III. SCOPE AND TIME HORIZON

The District shall prepare a long-term financial plan covering a planning horizon of not less than three (3) years, and up to ten (10) years, or as determined appropriate by management and the Board.

The long-term financial plan shall be updated periodically and presented to the Board for review in conjunction with, or as a supplement to, the annual budget or capital planning process.

IV. COMPONENTS OF THE LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

The long-term financial plan shall include, at a minimum, consideration of the following elements:

1. Revenue Trends and Assumptions

Evaluation of major revenue sources, including property taxes, fees and charges, replacement taxes, grants, and other revenues, based on historical performance and reasonable assumptions.

2. Expenditure Trends

Analysis of operating cost drivers, including personnel costs, contractual obligations, utilities, maintenance, and inflationary impacts.

3. Fund Balance and Reserves

Projected fund balance levels compared to Board-adopted targets, including the identification of potential structural imbalances and replenishment strategies.

4. Capital Improvement and Asset Needs

Coordination with the District's Capital Improvement Plan and capital asset management practices to evaluate long-term infrastructure, facility, and equipment funding needs.

5. Debt and Long-Term Obligations

Assessment of existing and planned debt, lease obligations, and other long-term commitments, including their impact on future financial capacity.

6. Risk and Uncertainty

Identification of financial risks and uncertainties, such as economic conditions, legislative changes, or operational pressures that may affect long-term sustainability.

V. USE OF ONE-TIME RESOURCES

The District shall strive to align ongoing expenditures with recurring revenues. One-time revenues, fund balance, or non-recurring resources should generally be used for one-time purposes, capital investments, or strategic initiatives and not to support ongoing structural operating costs, unless explicitly approved by the Board.

VI. BOARD REVIEW AND ROLE

The Board of Park Commissioners shall review the long-term financial plan as part of its overall fiscal oversight responsibilities. The plan shall be used to:

- Inform of budgetary and policy decisions

- Evaluate the long-term impact of new programs, capital projects, or financial commitments
- Support transparency and communication regarding the District's financial outlook

The long-term financial plan is an advisory planning tool and does not constitute legal appropriation or spending authority.

VII. CONSISTENCY WITH OTHER POLICIES

This policy shall be implemented in a manner consistent with the District's other financial policies, including but not limited to the Budget Policy, Balanced Budget Policy, Fund Balance Policy, Debt Policy, Capital Asset Management Policy, and Revenue Diversification Policy.

VIII. REVIEWS AND UPDATES

This policy shall be reviewed periodically by management and the Board and updated as necessary to reflect changes in law, best practices, or the District's financial and operational environment.

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Budget Amendment Policy is to establish clear standards and authority for amendments to the legally adopted annual budget of the Wheaton Park District (“District”). This policy ensures continued fiscal accountability, transparency, and compliance with applicable Illinois statutes while allowing reasonable administrative flexibility in the day-to-day operation of the District.

II. POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the Wheaton Park District that the annual budget, once adopted by the Board of Park Commissioners (“Board”), represents the financial plan and spending authority for the fiscal year. Amendments to the budget shall be limited, controlled, and documented, and shall require Board approval when material changes to revenues, expenditures, or fund balances occur.

III. AUTHORITY

This policy is adopted pursuant to the authority granted to the Board of Park Commissioners under the Illinois Park District Code and is intended to supplement, not replace, existing budgetary, purchasing, and financial control policies of the District.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS

The Executive Director and designated Finance staff are authorized to approve and initiate administrative budget amendments without prior Board action, provided that all of the following conditions are met:

- The amendment does not increase the total District-wide appropriations.
- The amendment does not increase total appropriations within any individual fund.
- The amendment does not result in the use of fund balance beyond amounts already approved in the adopted budget.
- The amendment reflects:
 - Reallocations between line items,
 - Adjustments resulting from operational efficiencies, or
 - Timing differences within the same fund.

V. BOARD-APPROVED BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Board approval is required for any budget amendment that includes one or more of the following:

- An increase in total District-wide appropriations.
- An increase in total appropriations within any fund.
- The use of fund balance not previously authorized in the adopted budget.
- The addition of a new program, project, or capital initiative not contemplated in the adopted budget.
- A material change in revenue assumptions that impacts the District's financial position.

Such amendments shall be presented to the Board in written form and shall be approved by formal Board action.

VI. EMERGENCY AMENDMENTS

In the event of an emergency affecting public safety, critical infrastructure, or essential District operations, the Executive Director may authorize expenditures in excess of the adopted budget as permitted by law. Any such action shall be reported to the Board at the next regular Board meeting, along with a recommended budget amendment if required.

VII. DOCUMENTATION AND TRANSPARENCY

All budget amendments, whether administrative or Board-approved, shall be:

- Clearly documented,
- Retained in the District's financial records, and
- Reflected in budget-to-actual reports and year-end financial statements.

VIII. REVIEW AND UPDATES

This policy shall be reviewed periodically by staff and the Board and updated as necessary to reflect changes in law, best practices, or District operations.

WHEATON PARK DISTRICT

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE DISPOSAL AND SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE WHEATON PARK DISTRICT

ORDINANCE 2026-04

WHEREAS, the Wheaton Park District, DuPage County, Illinois (the “District”), is a duly organized and existing Park District created under the provision of the laws of the State of Illinois and is now operating under the provisions of the Park District Code of the State of Illinois and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto (the “Park Code”); and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 8-22 of the Park Code, three-fifths of the members of the Park Board may authorize the trade in, donation, or disposal of personal property that is no longer necessary, useful to, or in the best interests of the Park District; and,

WHEREAS, the Park District owns: One (1) Ford 150 Transit Van Vin: 1FTYE1ZM2HKB04649 item #1129 2017 located at Park Services Center

WHEREAS, the Board of Park Commissioners has determined that it would be in the best interest of the Park District to dispose: One (1) Ford 150 Transit Van Vin: 1FTYE1ZM2HKB04649 item #1129 2017 located at Park Services Center

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE WHEATON PARK DISTRICT, DuPage County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1: The foregoing preamble of the Ordinance is hereby incorporated in its entirety in **Ordinance 2026-04**

Section 2: The Park District will dispose: One (1) Ford 150 Transit Van Vin: 1FTYE1ZM2HKB04649 item #1129 2017 located at Park Services Center

Section 3: Except, as otherwise provided herein, this **Ordinance 2026-04** Shall be in full force and effective forthwith upon its adoption and approval as provided by law.

Adopted this 20th day of May 2026

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

President Board of Park Commissioners
Wheaton Park District

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners
Wheaton Park District

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