



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 28, 2026

TO: Forest Preserve District Planning & Utilization Committee

FROM: Jeremy Jensen, Director of Operations
Benjamin Haberthur, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Presentation and Approval of a Bid for Resurfacing of the Riverbend Parking Lot, South Elgin, IL

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Committee with information to consider the approval the bid to resurface approximately 650 cubic yards of asphalt at the Riverbend parking lot, located within Jon Duerr Forest Preserve in South Elgin, IL.

BACKGROUND:

The Riverbend parking lot is a satellite parking lot to the Jon Duerr Forest Preserve, located south of the main preserve entrance directly off of Illinois Route 31. It provides the public with direct access to the Riverbend Trail, which connects the Fox River Trail to the municipal bike trail along Randall Rd. In addition to quick access of the trail, a unique waterfall structure is a short walk from the parking lot. This parking lot was originally a gravel lot prior to 2008, but was prioritized within the capital budget to be paved due to the growing patron use. Since that time the pavement is in need of repair due to its age and normal wear and tear. This project was advertised using the District's online bidding platform with four responding bidders. The qualified lowest bid was Arthur J. Lootens & Sons, Inc. of West Chicago, IL with a cost of \$35,136.40 for the Base Bid and Option 1. Additionally, staff is requesting a 5% contingency to cover any unforeseen costs during construction, for a project total not to exceed \$36,893.22.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funding for this project was approved in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget under account 03-21-24-7050, Operations Land Area Development, project # 11013 totaling \$38,000.00. Sufficient funds of \$38,000.00 are available to cover the Base Bid and 5% contingency for a total cost of \$36,893.22.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending to the Committee the approval for the Base Bid and Option 1 for the resurfacing of the Riverbend parking lot with Arthur J. Lootens & Sons, Inc. of West Chicago, Illinois for a total project cost not to exceed \$36,893.22.

ATTACHMENTS:

Bid Abstract
County Locator/Project Maps