



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 28th, 2026

TO: Forest Preserve District Planning & Utilization Committee

FROM: Zach Tegge, Landscape Architect
Benjamin Haberthur, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Presentation and Approval of a Bid for the RTP Trail Restoration Project at Fitchie Creek Forest Preserve.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Committee with information to consider the approval of a bid for construction with Schroeder Asphalt Services, Inc., for Fitchie Creek Forest Preserve RTP trail restoration project.

BACKGROUND:

In 2025, the District received a Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) for trail improvements at Fitchie Creek Forest Preserve. The project includes drainage improvements and the restoration of 2,700 linear feet of existing limestone trail that currently experience perennial flooding and erosion. The RTP grant will reimburse the District 80% of the construction costs up to a total of \$200,000.00, upon completion of the project.

The District conducted a formal bid process for the project. Bids were publicly advertised, with 5 bidders responding. The responsible, lowest bidder was Schroeder Asphalt Services, Inc. with a base bid of \$123,308.75. Additionally, a 10% contingency of \$12,330.25 shall be set aside to cover any unanticipated additional costs, that may arise during construction for a total project amount of \$135,639.00.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funds totaling \$300,000.00 were allocated in Fiscal Year 2026/27 in the Land Area Development Account # 03-35-35-7050, project # 31017, for this project; of which sufficient funds of \$277,890.00 remain.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Committee approve the base bid from Schroeder Asphalt Services, Inc., for the Fitchie Creek Forest Preserve RTP Trail Restoration project for \$123,308.75, plus a contingency of \$12,330.25 to cover any unanticipated additional costs that may arise during construction in an amount not to exceed \$135,639.00.

ATTACHMENTS:

CountyLocMap-FitchieCreek.jpg

AreaMap_MemoRes-FitchieCreek.pdf

Final Fitchie Creek Abstract.pdf