



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County**

**Environment and Sustainability Committee**

**Wednesday, June 5, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

**Cook County Building, Board Room,  
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**Issued on: 5/29/2024**

**NOTICE AND AGENDA**

There will be a meeting of the Committee or Subcommittee of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County at the date, time and location listed above to consider the following:

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Authorization as a public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have registered to speak, with the Secretary, 24 hours in advance of the meeting. To register as a public speaker, go to the meeting details page for this meeting at <https://cook-county.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> to find a registration link. Duly authorized public speakers may speak live from the County Board Room at 118 N. Clark Street, 5th Floor, Chicago, IL or be sent a link to virtually attend the meeting and will be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. Authorized public speakers who are not present during the specified time for public testimony will forfeit their allotted time to speak at the meeting. Public testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. After each virtual speaker has completed their statement, they will be removed from the meeting. Once removed, you will still be able to follow the proceedings for that day at:

<https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/watch-live-board-proceedings> or in a viewing area at 69 W. Washington Street, 22nd Floor Conference Room F, Chicago, IL. Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately; failure to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony. Written comments will not be read aloud at the meeting, but will be posted on the meeting page and made a part of the meeting record.

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**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 3/12/2024

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**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**Department:** Department of Environment and Sustainability

**Other Part(ies):** City of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Approval of proposed Memorandum of Agreement

**Goods or Services:** The County and City will each contribute existing staff resources for management of the CPRG grant funding if awarded

**Agreement Number(s):** N/A

**Agreement Period:** Five years from execution of the agreement

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Accounts:** N/A

**Summary:** The Department of Environment and Sustainability respectfully requests approval of the proposed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the County and the City of Chicago (City) for the parties' joint Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) application. The City, as lead agency, submitted a grant proposal to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requesting \$197,971,197 in CPRG funding focusing on three areas: 1) industrial decarbonization programs, 2) decarbonization of public facilities, and 3) diversion of food waste from landfills. The MOA, which is a requirement of the grant application, and which must be sent to the U.S. EPA before July 1, 2024 for the grant application to be considered, sets forth the parties' commitments to fulfilling their respective roles and responsibilities to successfully implement the GHG reduction measures described in the application.

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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A HEARING ON THE UPDATED COOK COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the collection, processing and disposal of municipal solid waste is a fundamental responsibility of local governments to protect public health, safeguard the environment, and provide for an improved solid waste management system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Solid Waste Planning & Recycling Act (415 ILCS 15/) requires Illinois counties to have a solid waste management plan (SWMP), form an advisory committee to help create the plan, and update the SWMP every five years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Municipal Code: Chapter 30, Article VI: Solid Waste and Recycling, establishes the creation of the solid waste advisory committee, requires the designation of a county solid waste coordinator, and sets forth waste hauler reporting requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County adopted its original plan in 1996 and the Cook County Board of Commissioners approved plan updates in 2000, 2012, and 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2024 SWMP update was designed by the Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability in conjunction with the University of Illinois: Illinois Sustainable Technology Center, and;

**WHEREAS**, the 2024 SWMP update was completed in cooperation with the Cook County Solid Waste Advisory Committee, which included representatives from the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County, the West Cook County Solid Waste Agency, the South Suburban Mayors & Managers Association, McDonalds USA, Rush University Hospital, Faith in Place, the Plant Chicago, the Greater Chicago Food Depository, the Chicago Sustainability Task Force, and the City of Chicago: Department of Streets & Sanitation; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County has provided a copy of the 2024 SWMP update to all 134 municipalities within the County, and posted the updated plan for public review and comment; and

**WHEREAS**, the updated SWMP presents a progressive vision for managing solid waste in Cook County through the implementation of best practices in solid waste management; and

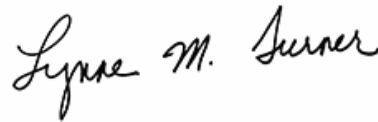
**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners supports the expansion of zero waste and circular economy best practices over the next five years as described in the SWMP; and

**WHEREAS**, in alignment with the Illinois Materials Management Advisory Committee Report to the General Assembly, the Cook County Board of Commissioners sets the goal of achieving a 45% suburban Cook County waste diversion rate by 2030; and

**WHEREAS**, it is a guiding principle of the SWMP to maximize opportunities to educate and engage, which includes incorporation of feedback from members of the public.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Environment and Sustainability Committee will hold a hearing in June 2024 to hear public comments on the proposed recommendations in the 2024-2029 Cook County Solid Waste Management Plan.

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