

**LAND USE REVIEW SUMMARY FORM**

**Date of Application:** November 7, 2023

**Name of Applicant:** Elk Grove Village

**Purpose of Proposed Request:** Elk Grove Village is seeking an intergovernmental agreement and license to build a new pedestrian bridge and trail connection across Arlington Heights Road to the Forest Preserves' paved trail at Busse Woods. The bridge and trail spur would serve a major new mixed-use development as well as adjacent residential areas and is part of a bigger Village bike plan.

**General Location of Proposed Impacted District Land:** The bridge and trail spur would cross Arlington Heights Road approximately 900 feet south of Higgins Road.

**Acreage and or square footage of proposal impacted District Land:** The west end of the bridge structure and trail spur would impact approximately 0.28 acres (12,000 square feet) of Forest Preserve land including roughly 500 s.f. in the roadway. An additional 0.25 acres would be impacted during construction, primarily to remove an existing trail spur.

**The Potential Impact and Benefits to District Land:** Impact to Forest Preserves property would be minimal. The small area that the structure would occupy is turf grass. No tree removal is anticipated. The new mid-block crossing would also result in reduced need for the existing at-grade crossing and trail spur from the southwest corner of Higgins and Arlington Heights Road. The Village has agreed to remove and restore Forest Preserve land occupied by that spur resulting in the restoration of approximately 0.21 acres or 9,000 square feet as part of the project. The Village will also install directional and information signs approved by Forest Preserve staff both at the bridge and on nearby trails to guide and educate visitors to the Forest Preserves. Staff recommends waiver of all fees in light of the minimal impact and benefits of this mission-related use.

**Alternatives Considered:** The proposed connection to the Forest Preserve trail system would serve a proposed new development to be constructed on the east side of Arlington Heights Road and would reduce the need to cross at wide, busy intersections to the north and south. This location provides a safer grade-separated entry point into the Busse Woods.

**Completion Date of Staff Review:** January 11, 2024

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