

LAND USE REVIEW SUMMARY FORM

Date of Application: March 3, 2025

Name of Applicant: Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT")

Purpose of Proposed Request: IDOT is requesting two small temporary easement areas on either side of ForestWay Drive to allow re-construction of an old underlying culvert built in 1937 that is very worn and in disrepair. Forest Preserve staff reviewed IDOT's concept plans in 2022.

General Location of Proposed Impacted District Land: On ForestWay Drive in Winnetka, approximately a ¼ mile north of Willow Road near an informal roadside parking area for the Willow Road dam.

Acreage and or square footage of proposal impacted District Land: The work will require two temporary easements of approximately 0.125 acres (5,445 square feet) outside the ForestWay Drive right-of-way.

The Potential Impact and Benefits to District Land: Impacts are expected to be minimal, with total temporary easement areas of approximately 0.125 acres. Work in the temporary easement areas outside the road right-of-way would include some excavation and erosion control measures (rip rap, seeding, etc., described in the Prefinal Plans). The Forest Preserve would be responsible for long-term maintenance of the easement areas after construction is complete. IDOT anticipates start of construction in 2026.

A small number of trees (estimated at 6, mainly Sugar Maple and Cottonwood) would be removed for this project. Resource Management staff have no objections to the proposed plans. In addition to payment of compensation for the easements and tree mitigation fees, the Forest Preserve will benefit from improvement of the informal roadside parking area and continued safe road access to the Skokie Lagoons preserves.

Alternatives Considered: The culvert needs to be replaced at this location under ForestWay Drive to minimize impacts to existing drainage areas. The culvert at this location needs to be rebuilt due to deterioration.

Completion Date of Staff Review: May 8, 2025

Referred to Board of Commissioners XX

Not referred to Board of Commissioners _____



Adam Bianchi, General Superintendent

12-3-25

Date