

**LAND USE REVIEW SUMMARY FORM**

**Date of Application:** March 15, 2022

**Name of Applicant:** Village of Niles

**Purpose of Proposed Request:** The Village of Niles is requesting permission to construct and maintain corner signs and other landscape improvements at the entrance to a new trail spur to the North Branch Bike Trail at the corner of Caldwell and Touhy Avenues. The improvements would include low masonry walls that would contain posts with logos for both the Forest Preserves and the Village, a larger 4' x 8' corner sign that could hold temporary signs to advertise Forest Preserve events, and a separate free-standing pedestrian directional sign near the trail.

**General Location of Proposed Impacted District Land:** southwest corner of Caldwell and Touhy Avenues at the entrance to a new trail spur in Bunker Hill Woods.

**Acreage and or square footage of proposal impacted District Land:** The site improvements would occupy an area of approximately 725 square feet or 0.0167 acre.

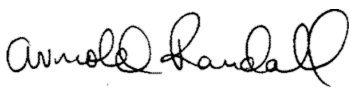
**The Potential Impact and Benefits to District Land:** No tree impacts are anticipated. Wayfinding and information signs would help welcome and orient new trail users. The corner sign and directional signs conform to Forest Preserve gateway sign standards. The improvements would be constructed and maintained by the Village at no cost to the Forest Preserves. New plantings have been approved by Forest Preserve staff and would include native plants or cultivars.

**Alternatives Considered:** No alternative locations were considered, as the entrance to a new trail spur is an appropriate location public information and beautification. The Village agreed to modify the content of the larger 4'x 8' corner sign to accommodate temporary Forest Preserve event panels and install a separate smaller pedestrian wayfinding sign with a map at another location near the trail.

**Completion Date of Staff Review:** April 7, 2022

Referred to Board of Commissioners      XX  

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General Superintendent

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Date