

## LAND USE REVIEW SUMMARY FORM

**Date of Application:** September 11, 2024

**Name of Applicant:** Nicor

**Purpose of Proposed Request:** Nicor is seeking to install a total of 2,728 linear feet of pipe on Forest Preserves land, 2,112 feet of which would be on Zoo-designated land, and the remaining 616 feet would be outside Zoo-designated land. The total length is all on Forest Preserves property. The Zoo's risk management staff have indicated the line is needed to ensure the Zoo will not experience a disruption in natural gas service.

**General Location of Proposed Impacted District Land:** Along the west side of Golfview Avenue in Brookfield, from 26<sup>th</sup> Street to the Zoo entrance at 31<sup>st</sup> Street.

**Acreage and or square footage of proposal impacted District Land:** The proposed gas main will occupy 0.9394 acre with 0.7272 acre on Zoo designated land ( still owned by the Forest Preserve) and the remainder on Forest Preserve property not on Zoo designated land. Temporary work areas would be in the Golfview Avenue right-of-way, via road permit, and the Zoo parking area via coordination with the Zoo.

**The Potential Impact and Benefits to District Land:** There would be minimal impact to existing vegetation and trees in the areas where the new line will be directional bored. The new line is located substantially within existing rights-of-way and a large portion will be underneath an existing shared use path. One tree (a callery pear) will need to be removed. Resource Management personnel walked the site and have no issues beyond compliance with tree mitigation ordinance requirements. Fees for the area outside the Zoo's boundary are estimated at \$32,637.88, plus \$323.87 for tree mitigation.

Planning & Development staff questioned the Zoo's plan for reducing its carbon footprint to meet the Forest Preserves' Sustainability & Climate Resiliency Plan goals while minimizing risk to animals. The Zoo's Next Century Plan acknowledges the importance of the Forest Preserves' plan. Zoo staff have indicated that the Zoo expects to start the process of developing its own sustainability plan in April 2026.

**Alternatives Considered:** Other possible routes were considered, and Forest Preserve staff agreed the proposed route would have the least impact.

**Completion Date of Staff Review:** September 4, 2025

Referred to Board of Commissioners XX

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Cecilia Brancato  
General Superintendent

12-19-25  
Date