

LAND USE REVIEW SUMMARY FORM

Date of Application: September 20,2025

Name of Applicant: Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”)

Purpose of Proposed Request: IDOT is seeking a small permanent easement for 0.073 acres for a road project which includes the intersection of Willow Road and Hibbard Road. An existing sidewalk on the south side of Willow Road has been on Forest Preserve land for many years and will be re-built. There are no records of any license or easement for the existing sidewalk, traffic light or mechanical box on FPCC land and IDOT, together with the Village of Winnetka, are seeking to correct this now through the grant of a permanent easement to rebuild and maintain the improvements. The intersection will be improved for traffic with a right turn lane going south on Hibbard and other signal and sidewalk ADA improvements. The Village of Winnetka is seeking jurisdictional transfer of this stretch of Willow Road after correction of the right of way.

General Location of Proposed Impacted District Land: Southwest corner of Willow Road and Hibbard Road in Winnetka

Acreage and or square footage of proposal impacted District Land: 0.073 acres or 3,172 square feet

The Potential Impact and Benefits to District Land: The proposed permanent easement area is very small 0.073 acres (or 3,172 s.f.) and is already impacted by the existing sidewalk and traffic signal equipment. The Department of Resource Management has reviewed and has no concerns regarding impacts to a few smaller trees (2 small evergreen trees) near the existing mechanical box. Major tree clearing occurred on this parcel a few years ago as part of a major stormwater management project at Hibbard Woods pursuant to a separate Intergovernmental License Agreement with the Village of Winnetka. The Willow Road sidewalk connects to the Skokie Lagoons holdings and the North Branch Bicycle Trails in the area and is a benefit to the public and Forest Preserve visitors.

Alternatives Considered: The work must be done at this intersection where the missing IDOT right-of-way section is located.

Completion Date of Staff Review: November 5, 2025

Referred to Board of Commissioners XX

Not referred to Board of Commissioners _____



Adam Bianchi, General Superintendent

 3-19-26

Date