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SENT VIA EMAIL

Adam Bianchi
General Superintendent
Forest Preserve District of Cook County
536 N. Harlem Ave.
River Forest, IL, 60305

Re: Invest In Cook Award Notification

Dear Superintendent Bianchi:

The Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (CCDoTH) is pleased to inform you that your application has been selected for participation in the 2025 Invest in Cook Program.

Specifically, CCDoTH is granting the District \$217,900 for Design to support the Des Plaines / Salt Creek Trail - South Connections -Design Engineering (Phase II) project. This project as described in your application has been found to align with Connecting Cook County, our Long-Range Transportation Plan. Attached to this email is a draft Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for your review and, if necessary, modification using tracked changes. Once the language is finalized with the County, the agreement must be approved by your Board and signed by your Official Designee before it can be presented to the Board of Commissioners for execution by Cook County. A fully executed agreement and a Notice to Proceed are needed before work can begin.

Your project was one of 75 applications received, seeking more than \$25 million dollars in grants. All applications were carefully reviewed and evaluated by CCDoTH staff. We congratulate you on your selection and look forward to working closely with you on the project's implementation.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Katherine Ginensky at (312) 603-3808 or by e-mail at Katherine.Ginensky@cookcountyiil.gov.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer 'Sis' Killen".

Jennifer (Sis) Killen, P.E., PTOE

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cc: Zahra Ali, Cook County Chief Administrative Officer