



Legislation Text

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EASEMENT REQUEST

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to grant a permanent easement and a temporary easement to Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) at IL Route 7 (Southwest Highway) and 131st Street in the Groundhog Slough forest preserve for less than 0.2 acres for roadway improvements.

Reason: Permanent and temporary easements are needed at the northwest corner of Southwest Highway and 131st Street as part of a larger drainage improvement project between 131st and 135th Streets. This road segment has experienced severe flooding due to inadequate drainage infrastructure. Stormwater would be conveyed via new storm sewers and improved ditches to Mill Creek and the Cal Sag Channel. The proposed drainage improvements will allow for more effective management of the water levels at McGinnis Slough, which drains via storm sewer to the ditch along Southwest Highway.

A small permanent easement is needed on Forest Preserves land adjoining the roadways for slight roadway widening, installation of traffic signal equipment, an underground drainage culvert, and a roadside ditch. A Forest Preserves sign will need to be relocated.

A small temporary easement is also needed for period of five (5) years to construct the improvements.

The area for the permanent easement is 0.078 acres and the area for the temporary easement is 0.064 acres. IDOT indicates that 0 trees are expected to be removed for this project.

Easement Fee: \$6,800.00, including \$5,900.00 for permanent and \$900.00 for temporary easements

Tree Mitigation Fee: N/A

Concurrence(s):

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final easements are subject to legal review and approval.

District(s): 17