



## Legislation Text

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### EASEMENT REQUEST

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to grant a temporary easement to the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) at 123<sup>rd</sup> Street in Palos Hills for 0.082 Acres or 3,572 square feet for construction access. The construction would impact twenty-two (22) living trees and two (2) dead trees, resulting in tree mitigation fees. In practice, more trees may need to be removed than originally estimated. Any increase in the tree mitigation fee will be in accordance with the Tree Mitigation Plan (see Board Item No. 20-0279), and if such increase is more than 20% of the original estimate, then approval will be sought from the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners.

**Reason:** IDOT intends to replace an existing culvert under the road at 123<sup>rd</sup> Street and 93<sup>rd</sup> Avenue in Palos Hills and requests this temporary easement for site access. The term of the temporary easement is five (5) years, or completion of construction, whichever comes first.

The area needed for construction access will not require a permanent easement but only a temporary easement of approximately 0.082 acres. IDOT indicates that twenty-four (24) trees are expected to be removed for this project.

**Easement Fee:** \$1,400.00

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** \$233,343.78

**Concurrence(s):** The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final easement is subject to legal review and approval.

**District(s):** 17