



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 28, 2025

TO: Forest Preserve District Land Acquisition Committee

FROM: Jennifer Rooks-Lopez, Director of Planning & Land Protection

SUBJECT: Presentation to Consider the Approval of a Utility Easement with Metronet for the Installation and Maintenance of Fiber Optic Service at the Great Western Trail in Campton Township

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Committee with information to consider granting a utility easement to Metronet, through the Great Western Trail, near the intersection of Old Burlington Road and Hidden Oaks Road in Campton Township.

BACKGROUND:

The District maintains over 200 miles of linear trail across the county, including the Great Western Trail. This east-west regional trail nearly bisects the county. The 18 mile path begins at LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve in St. Charles and extends to eastern Sycamore in DeKalb County at its western terminus.

In April 2025, the District was contacted by representatives of Metronet with a request to install a fiber optic service line through a section of the Great Western Trail to provide services to the Campton Hills subdivision on Hidden Oaks Road. The proposed easement permits Metronet to construct and maintain a 1 1/2" conduit underground by directional bore, so as to not disturb the land, trail or public use through the entire easement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Metronet will pay a one-time fee of \$5,000 for the easement rights.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Committee approve the utility easement as presented with Metronet, for the construction and maintenance of fiber optic service at the Great Western Trail, for a one-time fee of \$5,000.

ATTACHMENTS:

County Location Map

Aerial Location

Easement agreement

Plat of Easement