



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 27, 2025

TO: Forest Preserve District Land Acquisition Committee

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

SUBJECT: Presentation and Approval of a Resolution Authorizing a Intergovernmental Easement Agreement between the Forest Preserve District of Kane County and Village of Algonquin

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Committee with information to consider an intergovernmental easement agreement between the District and the Village of Algonquin for the installation and maintenance of a bike path along Broadsmore Drive at Willoughby Farms Forest Preserve.

BACKGROUND:

Located in the northwest corner of section 8 in Dundee Township, the 28 acres that make up Willoughby Farms Forest Preserve, provide natural resource benefits that bely its diminutive size. Bookended by the City of Algonquin’s Broadsmore Park to the north and Dundee Township Park District’s Grandview Park, this collection of protected open spaces highlight how best our organizations’ respective missions can benefit the public.

The city of Algonquin is looking to improve recreational access to Broadsmore Park by installing a bike path along the northern boundary of Willoughby Farms. The proposed intergovernmental easement agreement permits the Village of Algonquin to construct and maintain the proposed bike path while retaining District ownership of the land and without any deleterious impacts.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact to the District associated with this Intergovernmental Easement Agreement.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approving the Intergovernmental Easement Agreement as presented, with the Village of Algonquin for the construction and maintenance of the bike path at Willoughby Forest Preserve.

ATTACHMENTS:

County Location Map

Forest Preserve Site Plan

Intergovernmental Easement Agreement

Broadsmore Road Construction Plan Set