



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 30, 2025

TO: Forest Preserve District Land Acquisition Committee

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

SUBJECT: Presentation and Approval of a Utility Easement Agreement for Sanitary and Water Service at 1260, 1262, and 1264 Cedar Avenue, Elgin, IL

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Committee with information to consider granting a Utility Easement to the property owners of 1260, 1262, and 1264 Cedar Avenue, Elgin IL at the Fox River Trail Forest Preserve.

BACKGROUND:

In 2024, the Forest Preserve District of Kane County (District) was contacted by the property owner, Paul W. Sommer with a request for a sanitary and water utility easement across the Fox River Trail Forest Preserve near Cedar Avenue in Elgin. The proposed easement is necessary to provide a sanitary and water connection for his three residential lots currently on well and septic. The Fox River trail in this particular location is unique in that it is on an historic trolley line located between the homes and Cedar Avenue. In order for the property owners to connect to existing public utilities on Cedar, they must cross the Fox River Trail. The proposed easement will be directionally bored under the Fox River Trail between the homes and Cedar Avenue. Current and future owners will be required to provide all installation and maintenance costs associated with the utilities. In the event the utility easement is no longer needed the property owner will be responsible for the decommissioning and removal of the utilities and the easement will automatically revert back to the District.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The property owner will pay a one-time fee of \$5,000.00 for the easement rights.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Committee approve the Utility Easement for Sanitary and Water Service Agreement to the property owners of 1260, 1262, and 1264 Cedar Avenue, Elgin, IL for \$5,000.00.

ATTACHMENTS:

Utility Easement Agreement
Countywide Location Map
Site Plans