



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 26, 2026
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 Agreement between the Forest Preserve District of Kane County and Village of Carpentersville

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 Carpentersville for the construction, maintenance, and re-alignment of the Fox River Trail Washington Street Crossing.

BACKGROUND:

The Village of Carpentersville has been working to transform a blighted eight-acre parcel along the Fox River into a vibrant public space known as Riverfront Park. The new park will offer public access to the river, a beer garden with string lighting, concessions, awning structures with seating, a lounge area, fire pits, an area for outdoor games, a butterfly garden, a kayak landing, a food truck parking area, a restroom facility, a small play area for children, and a river outlook.

The new park will be located along Washington Street, south of the Main Street bridge and adjacent to the Fox River Trail crossing at Washington Street. The current trail crosses Washington at a roughly 30 degree angle, and presents access issues with the proposed parks main entrance. The Village is requesting permanent and temporary easements to allow for the Fox River trail at Washington Street to be realigned to cross perpendicular to Washington and to allow the Village to install and maintain the new crossing area. The Village has agreed to cover all costs associated with the realignment and will permanently maintain the concrete sidewalk portions of the plan as well as all landscape improvements between Washington Street and the bridge while the District will retain maintenance of the asphalt portion of the Fox River Trail.

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 Carpentersville for the construction, maintenance, and re-alignment of the Fox River Trail Washington Street Crossing.

ATTACHMENTS:

- County Location Map*
- Fox River Trail Map*
- Proposed Riverfront Park Rendering*
- Intergovernmental Easement Agreement*
- Appendix A – Plat of Easement*
- Appendix B- Supplemental Engineering Plans*