



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 20, 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 with Zayo Group LLC. for the Installation and Maintenance of Fiber Optic Service at Fox River Bluff Forest Preserve

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Committee with information to consider granting a utility easement to Zayo Group LLC., under the Fox River Trail at East Fox River Bluff Forest Preserve near Red Gate Road in St. Charles.

BACKGROUND:

In July 2025, the District was contacted by representatives of Zayo Group LLC. to discuss their plans to install fiber service under the Red Gate Road Bridge in St. Charles. Zayo Group LLC coordinates the installation of infrastructure for high-speed data transmission, amongst other technology services.

While most of the work will be within the Right of Way of Red Gate Road, there is a small area that will need to cross under the Fox River Trail on the east side of Fox River Shores Forest Preserve. The proposed easement will permit Zayo Group LLC to construct and maintain (3) 1.25" conduits for fiber optic utility service. The conduits will be installed underground by directional bore, so as not to disturb the land, trail, or public use within the easement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Zayo Group LLC. will pay the District a one-time fee of \$5,000.00 for the easement rights.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Committee approve the utility easement as presented with Zayo Group LLC., for the construction and maintenance of fiber optic service at East Fox River Bluff Forest Preserve, for a one-time fee of \$5,000.00.

ATTACHMENTS:

County Location Map

Aerial Location

Easement Agreement

Plat of Easement