



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 7, 2024

TO: Forest Preserve District Executive Committee

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

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

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 West Dundee for the installation and maintenance of a bike path along Sleepy Hollow Road at Schweitzer Forest Preserve.

BACKGROUND:

In 2021, the Village of West Dundee applied for and was later awarded a federal grant to improve, widen, and resurface Sleepy Hollow Road. A key component of the proposed Sleepy Hollow improvements included the construction of a bicycle/pedestrian path connection between Huntley Road and Route 72. The proposed intergovernmental easement agreement permits the Village of West Dundee to construct and maintain the proposed bike path while retaining District ownership of the land. Recreational activity within Schweitzer Forest Preserve is restricted by a Conservation and Preservation Agreement recorded by Emily Schweitzer in 1990. However, a provision was included in the agreement that allowed the construction of a bicycle path along and within 50 feet of the eastern boundary. The proposed path has been designed to honor the requirements of the Schweitzer Conservation and Preservation Agreement.

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 West Dundee for the construction and maintenance of the bike path at Schweitzer Forest Preserve.

ATTACHMENTS:

County Location Map

Forest Preserve Site Plan

Intergovernmental Easement Agreement

Sleepy Hollow Road Construction Plan Set