



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 22, 2026

TO: Forest Preserve District Commission Land Acquisition Committee

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

SUBJECT: Presentation and Approval Permanent and Temporary Easements with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for culvert improvements at Illinois Route 31 and Fabyan Forest Preserve

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Committee with information to consider approval of permanent and temporary easements with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for culvert improvements at Illinois Route 31 and Fabyan Forest Preserve .

BACKGROUND:

In Spring of 2019, IDOT reached out to the District and the City of Geneva to discuss plans related to the replacement of a failing culvert under Route 31. While the majority of the affected culvert is owned by the State, the inlet and outfall are on property owned by the City of Geneva and the District. The State is requesting the necessary easements be donated. In exchange the State will replace the District's section of the culvert, make improvements to the outfall to reduce erosion and replace/rebuild the section of the Fabyan wall above the culvert at no charge to the District. The Fabyan wall will be reconstructed using as much of the existing limestone as possible, any deviations will be submitted to the State Historic Preservation Officer and District for approval. The permanent easement will allow IDOT future access to the culvert for inspections and repairs.

In total IDOT, will be acquiring 0.232 acres of permanent easement and 0.0446 acres of temporary easements. The project is tentatively scheduled for late 2026.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact to the District.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Commission approve the donation of permanent and temporary easements, as presented with the Illinois Department of Transportation for culvert improvements at Illinois Route 31 and Fabyan Forest Preserve.

ATTACHMENT: *County Location Map*
Fabyan Forest Preserve Map
Overall Site Plan
Agreement: Letter of Understanding
Easements and Plat
Legal Descriptions
ALTA Commitments