



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 30, 2026
TO: Forest Preserve District Planning & Utilization Committee
FROM: Jeremy Jensen, Director of Operations
Benjamin Haberthur, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Presentation and Approval of a Bid for Trail Resurfacing of the Illinois Prairie Path- Batavia Spur

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Committee with information to consider the approval of the bid to resurface approximately 1.4 miles of limestone trail on the Illinois Prairie Path- Batavia Spur.

BACKGROUND:

The District maintains over 45 miles of linear, multipurpose trail throughout Kane County. A preventative maintenance practice began in the early 2000's to resurface a portion of these trails annually. Trails are inspected twice annually for surface condition. Small repairs are conducted immediately and any overall deterioration is noted and prioritized for resurfacing. A 1.4 mile stretch of limestone trail on the Illinois Prairie Path- Batavia Spur from the Kirk Rd bridge to Kane/DuPage County line is in need of resurfacing. The Batavia Spur connects to the Illinois Prairie Path- Aurora Spur and the Fox River Trail and is a popular place to walk, jog, and bike ride.

This project was advertised using the District's online bidding platform with four responding bidders. The qualified lowest bid was Arthur J. Lootens & Son, Inc. of West Chicago, IL at a cost of \$63,567.00. Additionally, staff is requesting a 5% contingency to cover any unforeseen costs during construction, for a project total not to exceed \$66,745.35.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funding for this project was approved in the FY26 budget under account 03-21-24-5072, Operations Trail Resurfacing, project 11014 totaling \$75,000. Sufficient funds of \$75,000 are available to cover the bid and 5% contingency cost of \$66,745.35.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending the Committee approve the bid for the Illinois Prairie Path- Batavia Spur Resurfacing with Arthur J. Lootens & Son, Inc. of West Chicago, Illinois for a total project cost not to exceed \$66,745.35.

ATTACHMENTS:

Bid Abstract
County Locator/Project Maps