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DATE: August 31, 2015

MEMO TO: Carol Calabresa, Chair
Land Preservation and Acquisition Committee

S. Michael Rummel, Chair
Finance and Administrative Committee

FROM: Randall L. Seebach,
Director of Planning and Land Preservation

SUBJECT: Policy Direction regarding a request from Lake County for the Dedication of Rights-of-Way along Russell Road at Van Patten Woods

REQUEST: Provide Policy Direction authorizing negotiations between the Forest Preserve District (District) and the Lake County Division of Transportation (LCDOT) regarding dedication of rights-of-way on the south side of Russell Road, east of the planned trail system at Russell Road (Van Patten Woods).

BACKGROUND: The District is currently planning to construct an extension of the Millennium Trail in the LCDOT right-of-way (ROW) along Russell Road between Van Patten Woods and Interstate 94 overpass. This trail segment will connect the Des Plaines River Trail and equestrian parking at Van Patten Woods with a previously completed segment of the Millennium Trail leading to Pine Dunes Forest Preserve. Additional ROW is needed to complete the District's segment, and LCDOT has agreed to acquire this additional ROW at its cost. LCDOT policy requires the dedication of rights-of-way where needed as a condition of granting permits and approvals for access to its ROW and construction of this trail segment.

LCDOT requires the dedication of an additional 10-20ft of District property for right-of-way purposes along the south side of Russell Road.

In accordance with District Policy, authorization is needed from the Land Preservation and Acquisition Committee and the Finance and Administrative Committee to enter into negotiations regarding the possible dedication of ROW. Staff is seeking preliminary approval to negotiate dedication of ROW and for authorization to negotiate an intergovernmental agreement. The final terms of the dedication of ROW would be placed on a future agenda as part of an Intergovernmental Agreement for review and approval.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION: Policy Direction is required in accordance with District policy.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: Executive Director, Chief Operations Officer and Legal Counsel.

FINANCIAL DATA: At this time there is no financial impact.

PRESENTER: Randall Seebach