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**DATE:** October 31, 2016

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

S. Michael Rummel, Chair  
Finance and Administrative Committee

**FROM:** Alex Ty Kovach  
Executive Director

**RECOMMENDATION:** Provide Policy Direction regarding requests from various cell tower companies to construct and operate cell towers at various Forest Preserve locations and to authorize staff to negotiate agreements.

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

**BACKGROUND:** The License and Easement Ordinance cites Section 6 of the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act, which states the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) has the "power to grant licenses, easements and rights-of-way for the construction, operation and maintenance upon, under or across any property of [the] District of facilities for water, sewage, telephone, telegraph, electric, gas or other public service...”

The District has been approached with requests to construct and operate cell towers at various Forest Preserve locations. In preliminary discussions, staff has delivered to the cell tower companies, the Committee-approved list of terms by which the District is willing to consider new cell tower agreements.

Policy direction on this item was brought before Committee on April 4, 2016. Consensus at that time was a request for more information. Since that time staff has done additional research and organized an educational presentation presented to the Committee of the Whole on June 6, 2016.

Staff would like to obtain committee direction on whether to engage in further due diligence, discussions and negotiations with companies regarding new towers and licenses under their current proposal. If negotiations proved fruitful, staff would present a license or easement agreement to the Committees for further review and recommendation.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** Chief Operations Officer, Director of Planning and Land Preservation, Director of Finance, Corporate Counsel

**PRESENTER:** Alex Ty Kovach