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MEMO TO: Carol Calabresa, Chair
Planning Committee

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

REQUEST: Provide policy direction regarding a potential Intergovernmental Agreement with Lake County Division of Transportation (LCDOT) for a variety of transportation, trail and public access-related projects that concern both the District and LCDOT.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS SUPPORTED: Public Access and Connections; Leadership; Organizational Sustainability

FINANCIAL DATA: There is no financial impact at this time.

BACKGROUND: In early November, LCDOT proposed a wide-ranging intergovernmental agreement (IGA) to cover a variety of projects of concern to both LCDOT and the District located at or adjacent to six different Forest Preserves. By including a number of projects under the auspices of one IGA, each entity hopes to save both time and legal costs, and realize efficiencies by sharing responsibility on certain projects.

Using a land value of \$0.80 per square foot, or \$34,848 per acre, each body will both obtain and relinquish real property from and to the other body and pay for projects that would not normally be within its individual responsibility. The District will also waive tree impact fees for one project that are otherwise required by the District's License and Easement Ordinance. Each agency will also agree to undertake certain projects that benefit the other agency, but that are more efficient for the performing agency to complete. .

The general terms, which would be incorporated in the IGA, include:

- Wadsworth Savanna Forest Preserve: Conveyance by the District of approximately 0.02 acre of dedicated right-of-way (ROW) and 0.09 acre of temporary easement for improvements to the intersection of Kilbourne and Wadsworth Roads.
- Grainger Woods Conservation Preserve/Captain Daniel Wright Woods Forest Preserve:
 - Installation by LCDOT of two concrete box culverts under St. Mary's Road that will address the District's drainage concerns.
 - Construction by LCDOT of an approximately 1,000-foot trail segment connecting an existing trail on Grainger Woods Conservation Preserve, north of Everett Road, to an existing trail segment on Captain Daniel Wright Woods, south of Everett Road.

- Grant Woods Forest Preserve: Conveyance by the District of approximately 0.8 acre of dedicated ROW and 0.9 acre of temporary easement for proposed roundabout improvements to the intersection of Fairfield and Monaville Roads and waiver by the District of the payment of tree impact fees within the temporary easement area.
- Ray Lake Forest Preserve: Construction by the District of a segment of the Fort Hill Trail, originally planned for construction by LCDOT within the right-of-way of Fremont Center Road. The original concept for LCDOT's road improvement project included extending a shared use path 1,700 feet south from Erhart Road to the District's planned trail connection. Under the contemplated agreement, the District will construct LCDOT's segment within its property parallel to the ROW when CIP funding is available.
- Greenbelt Forest Preserve:
 - Conveyance by the District of approximately 0.03 acre of dedicated ROW and 0.03 acre of temporary easement for proposed improvements to the intersection of Lewis Avenue and 14th Street.
 - Conveyance by the District of approximately 0.03 acre of dedicated ROW for road widening and for a shared use path construction along the north side of 14th Street.
 - Conveyance by the District of an approximately 1.45-acre parcel and an approximately 0.08-acre parcel of dedicated ROW, 0.03 acre of permanent easement, and 0.25 acre of temporary easement for a proposed roundabout and shared use path construction at the intersection of Dugdale Road and 14th Street.
 - Replacement by LCDOT of the District's existing timber steps adjacent to Dugdale Road north of 14th Street with an accessible asphalt path connecting to existing trails.
 - Construction by LCDOT of a new shared use path along Dugdale Road to connect the District's existing trails to LCDOT's planned shared use path on the north side of 14th Street.
 - Conveyance by the District of fee simple interest in approximately 0.005 acre of property at the northwest corner of the intersection of Route 131 (Green Bay Road) and 14th Street to allow for future improvements of that intersection.
 - Conveyance by LCDOT of fee simple interest in approximately 0.2 acre of excess property to the District at the northwest corner of the intersection of Route 131 (Green Bay Road) and 14th Street, while retaining the remaining portion of that parcel for future improvements to that intersection.

Staff is recommending policy direction to continue negotiations with LCDOT on a mutually acceptable IGA. The IGA would be effective only if and when it is approved by the corporate authorities of both the District and LCDOT.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: Executive Director, Chief Operations Officer, Director of Finance, Corporate Counsel