



Gateway to the Lakes Region

**Daniel Venturi-Supervisor
Jean Smuda-Clerk**

**Board of Trustees
Terry Beadle Paul Berker
Glenn McCollum Barbara Stout**

April 24, 2019

Hon. John Wasik
Chairman Lake County Forest Preserve Planning Committee
1899 West Winchester Road
Libertyville, IL 60048

RE: Chain O' Lakes Grass Trail Connection
May 6, 2019 planning meeting

I am sending this letter regarding a request to improve an important trail connection. There is an existing grass trail that connects Grant Woods Trail system to Fairfield Rd. in Lake Villa Township and we are requesting that this trail be given a priority to improve to a gravel trail.

The grass trail is an important leg to connect Grant Woods Forest Preserve west of Fairfield Rd. to Grant Woods east of Fairfield Rd. It is also important to connect to the Lake Villa Township Dering Park trail connection.

The Lake Villa Township Trail Connection was completed by Lake Villa Township in 2016. This trail connects our Caboose Park (located just north of the grass trail) north through School District 41 property and Lake Forest Preserve Property (Grunwald/Zimmerman parcels) through our Dering Park site to Petite Lake Rd. In partnership with Lake County Division of Transpiration and Lake County Forest Preserve we also developed a bike path along Petite Lake Rd. ending at the Lake County Forest Preserves Blue Bird Meadow's site.

As you can see this relatively short grass trail is important as it will connect four separate Forest Preserve properties (Grant woods east and west of Fairfield Rd., the Gruenwald/Zimmerman site and Blue Bird Meadow) as well as provide 1,000's of our resident's access to a meaningful and extended trail system.

It is my understanding that this matter is before your Planning Committee on May 6, 2019, and on behalf of Lake Villa Township we respectfully request that your committee consider moving this important trail connection up the list as a priority project to be completed in the next couple of years.

Sincerely,
Daniel Venturi

Daniel Venturi
Lake Villa Township Supervisor

Cc Randy Seebach