



**DATE:** August 2, 2021

**MEMO TO:** Terry Wilke, Chair  
Planning Committee

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

**REQUEST:** Provide policy direction regarding a request from the Village of Antioch for permanent right-of-way dedications and temporary construction easements to facilitate its plan to rebuild and relocate a portion of Grimm Road north of Sequoit Creek Forest Preserve.

**STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED:** Public Access and Connections

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

**BACKGROUND:** The Village of Antioch intends to rebuild and relocate a portion of Grimm Road so it crosses the Canadian National Railroad right-of-way (ROW) at its existing location and continues east for approximately 1,100' before it veers north to meet Route 173 at a 90° intersection. The rebuilt (and likely re-named) road will include curbs, utilities, lighting, landscaping and a sidewalk on the north side.

The Village is asking the District to dedicate a 40' half ROW for the rebuilt road, as well as temporary construction easements for its construction. The existing road ROW between the rebuilt portion of the new road and the culvert is to be abandoned; no work is to be done east of the creek since that portion of the ROW is under Antioch Township jurisdiction beyond the Village boundary, and the existing ROW east of the creek will continue to serve the two private parcels on the north side of the road.

Future topics for discussion between the District and the Village will include access point(s), turnouts, future uses of District holdings along the new road, possible utility connection locations, and the vacation (by the Village) of the portion of the existing ROW that is to be abandoned.

Staff is seeking approval to continue discussions with the Village and authorization to negotiate the dedication and easement documents that would be presented to the Planning Committee for review and approval at a later date.

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