



DATE: January 31, 2022

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 Lake County Department of Public Works for a temporary construction easement for work to an existing sewer line along Linden Avenue at Rollins Savanna Forest Preserve.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Organizational Sustainability

FINANCIAL DATA: Lake County Department of Public Works (“Public Works”) will pay a \$1000 Application Fee, a Monetary Fee, and Tree Compensation Fees and will reimburse the District for costs, all per the License and Easement Ordinance.

BACKGROUND: Under Section 6 of the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act, 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...”

Public Works has requested a temporary construction easement on District property for the replacement of approximately one-half mile of an existing sanitary sewer line located along Linden Avenue north of Washington Street on the eastern portion of Rollins Savanna Forest Preserve. A portion of the existing sewer line is located within the Linden Avenue right of way and a portion is located within a permanent easement on District property. The condition of the sewer line necessitates its repair and/or replacement in the near term. Though most work will be confined to the Linden Avenue right-of-way, work will also take place within the existing permanent easement. Further, the installation of approximately 260’ of new pipe within the existing permanent easement will require a 1340 SF temporary easement for a boring pit from which to install the new pipe. The location of this potential temporary construction easement is located directly south of and adjacent to the existing permanent easement from the District to Public Works. Two trees within the temporary easement area will need to be removed and a third tree, located just south of the boring pit, will require sufficient protection during construction.

Staff is seeking approval to negotiate the granting of a temporary easement to Public Works as set forth above.

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