



# **Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program**

## **Grant Opportunity**

**County Administrator's Office**

# Background

- Presented to Committee in Fall, 2023 on bike path concept at Libertyville campus



# Project Concept



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- Regionally significant path location to connect Bull Creek and Des Plaines River trail systems using a safe Route 21 road crossing at Adler Park
  - Requires collaboration with Libertyville for their portion of a path through Village Fire Department property
    - Lake County would be responsible for its portion of the project at the Libertyville campus, Libertyville would be responsible for their portion of the project
  - Have met and coordinated with Village of Libertyville staff on joint project concept

# Background

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- **Explored potential funding opportunities for this project**
- **One potential option is application for a grant through the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program**
- **Application would be for funding for a Phase 1 study of the proposed path concept**
  - **Joint application with Libertyville**
  - **For cost of study of the entire path in both municipalities**

# What is Phase I for a Bike Path?



- **This is the first step in transportation projects, includes alternatives analysis, identification of impacts to the surrounding environment, and public outreach. Typically, approval of state, federal, and environmental resource agencies are required before subsequent phases can proceed.**
- **Potential 12-18 months to complete Phase 1**
  - **Hire a consultant for project**
  - **Submit environmental survey request to Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) which can take 8-9 months**
  - **Project development report submitted and takes approximately 2-4 months to be reviewed.**

# Potential Next Steps

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- ITEP grant 2024 cycle opens in August and will be due in Sept./Oct.
- Establish IGA with Libertyville on responsibilities, cost sharing
- Earliest funding made available July 1, 2025



# Recommendation

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- **Recommend applying for Phase I funding for project**
  - **80/20 split model with cost sharing with the Village**
  - **Reimbursable type grant**
- **Ensures feasibility of project**
- **At conclusion of Phase I would determine timeline and funding path forward**



**Questions**