



DES PLAINES RIVER TRAIL PHASE I STUDY



The Village of River Forest welcomes you to this Community Meeting concerning a potential on-street extension of the DES PLAINES RIVER TRAIL (DPRT) along Thatcher Avenue within Village limits from North Avenue to the Illinois Prairie Path.

YOUR INPUT MATTERS

The purpose of this meeting is to present the proposed improvement plans and provide an opportunity for public comment. We invite you to view the detailed project exhibits on display and discuss the project with the project team. Members from the Village and the engineering consultant (Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.) are in attendance to answer any questions you may have. Your questions and comments are an important part of this Public Meeting. You are encouraged to submit written questions or comments by placing them in the comment box. You may also send your questions or comments to the mailing address or e-mail address shown listed below.

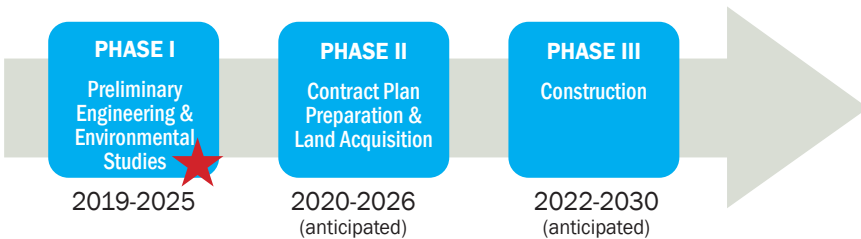
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A Phase I Engineering Study is ongoing to evaluate potential improvements along the Des Plaines River Trail (DPRT) from Touhy Avenue to the IL Prairie Path. The potential on-street extension of the DPRT is part of the larger Phase I Study, and is primarily within the Village of River Forest.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

- Although the existing DRPT ends at North Avenue, the design team has also developed a proposed extension south to the Illinois Prairie Path.
- The project corridor has been divided into 10 Design Segments (between major roadway crossings). This proposed trail extension falls within Design Segments 8-10.
- Multiple alternatives were considered based on impacts to environmental resources, safety, user experience and cost
- The development of the proposed trail extension has been coordinated with the Village of River Forest.

PROJECT SCHEDULE AND NEXT STEPS



The Phase I Study is the first step in the overall project development process. The Phase I Study is anticipated to be completed in 2025. Once complete, the project will move into Phase II, which involves contract plan preparation and land acquisition, and typically take 9-12 months. Phase III is construction and is the final phase of the process and is anticipated to take 12-15 months depending on funding opportunities.



COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

Written comments can be submitted during this Open House Meeting using the comment form provided, mailed to the address indicated to the right, or emailed to mmcghee@cbbel.com. Comments must be received by **October 15, 2024** to become part of the official public record.

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