

Steve Breese

From: Pat Moser [PMoser AT palatineparks DOT org]
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2006 7:35 AM
To: Steve Breese
Subject: Re: Proposed Greenway Trail/Dundee Road bridge reconstruction

Thanks for your e-mail. Let me look into it and I will get back to you.

Pat Moser
Supt of Parks
Palatine Park District

>>> "Steve Breese" <sbreese AT dupageforest DOT com> 5/23/2006 5:09:19 PM >>>

President and Board Members:

Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission has proposed a multi-use trail to connect Crabtree Forest Preserve with Deer Grove Forest Preserve. This is shown in their Greenways and Trails Plan published in 1997. A bicycle trail along the south side and parallel with Union Pacific Railroad is shown on 4 municipal bikeways plans. (see footnote below)

IDOT has announced that in 2007, construction will commence on the rebuilding of Dundee Road bridge over Northwest Highway (Route 14) and UPRR in Palatine and Inverness. I am trying to gain support for the modification of IDOT's design to allow for the future construction of a bicycle trail along the south side of Union Pacific Railroad. Such provision could include either a separate culvert or a longer span over the railroad.

<<Picture (Device Independent Bitmap)>> <<Picture (Device Independent Bitmap)>>

In order to include these provisions in their design of the bridge and approaches, IDOT would need a lead agency to state that in the future, they may build a trail along this linear resources that has few roadway crossings. I propose that the Palatine Park District be this lead agency.

I am not asking for this trail to be built at this time. Just to preserve the possibility for a greenway trail in the future. We must eliminate barriers to greenway development when the opportunities arise.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Steve Breese
Palatine resident

Footnote : These plans, along with 70 other greenway and trail plans in the Chicagoland area are available for download on my website www.northwestsuburbs.us

=====

Palatine Park District
250 E. Wood St.
Palatine, IL 60067