NOTICE
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The Kendall County Highway Department is seeking public comments on the effects that proposed improvements to the C.H. 3 (Millington Road) bridge over Fox River will have on the adjacent Freeman Forest Preserve property. The adjacent Freeman Forest Preserve property is a publicly owned wildlife refuge. As such, it is subject to protection under Section 4(f) of the US Department of Transportation Act of 1966. For the Millington Road project, the Kendall County Highway Department intends to seek a Section 4(f) “de minimis” impact finding from the Federal Highway Administration based on a determination that the project will not adversely affect the features, attributes, or activities that qualify the Freeman Forest Preserve for protection under Section 4(f). Effects of the Millington Road project on the Forest Preserve property will include (i) use of the existing Forest Preserve path southeast of the bridge for construction access to the river piers, and (ii) removal of trees directly adjacent to the existing path to accommodate wide construction equipment. The current Millington Road bridge has been closed since 5/1/17 due to findings of scour, and acquisition of a temporary easement and the necessary tree removal at the Forest Preserve will reduce the construction time required for Spring/Summer 2018 reconstruction of the bridge piers, thus reopening of the bridge to the traveling public sooner to eliminate the current 14-mile detour. Detailed documentation describing the impacts and mitigation associated with the effects of the Millington Road project to the Freeman Forest Preserve property is available at the following location during normal business hours:

Kendall County Highway Department
6780 Route 47
Yorkville, IL 60560

Written comments may be submitted or mailed to the Kendall County Highway Department Office. Comments must be received by November 13, 2017 to be considered as a part of the public record.

All correspondence regarding this project should be sent to:

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