Dan Lewis, Legislative Liaison and Advisor at the IL Department of Natural Resources and the point-person for administrative support for this Task Force, began the meeting shortly after 11:00 AM after confirming that there was a quorum present. All but Representative Dan McConchie and Lake County Board Member Jessica Vealitzek were present. Doug Ower will be temporarily replacing Sam Beard as the representative from Livable Lake County.

Co-Chair and Senator Melinda Bush ran the meeting and began by asking if there were edits to the March meeting minutes, which had been posted to the task force’s webpage on the IDNR website. Hearing no edits or comments, Mayor Bill Jacob motioned to approve of the minutes. The motion was seconded and subsequently approved unanimously.

Senator Bush gave the floor to Midwest Sustainability Group Executive Director Barbara Klipp, who then experienced technical difficulties attempting to share her presentation. While those were worked out offline, Senator Bush asked that Visit Lake County’s John Maguire give his presentation.

John Maguire gave his presentation (attached) on ecotourism and the potential economic impact that a greenway/trail could have on the communities along the corridor. The presentation described existing Lake County attractions and parks, other regional and Illinois examples of similar trails, such as the 606 in Chicago, the tourism and outdoor recreation goals outlined recently by Lake County Partners, and the importance of branding and marketing the trail. After the presentation, there was brief discussion about the distinguishable individual identities of the communities along the corridor and the simultaneous importance of an overall marketing strategy. There was general enthusiasm for a greenspace connector concept.

Senator Bush then gave the floor back to Barbara Klipp, who explained that this presentation (attached) would divided into three, with Pace Suburban Bus Director Linda Soto, Active Transportation Alliance Advocacy Manger Maggie Czerwinski, and herself presenting. Linda Soto presented first, discussing the importance of getting people to this proposed trail. She explained the concept of a multimodal transportation hub near the trail where visitors could access the trail by bus, rail, ride share, bike, etc. and would offer multiple amenities. Linda when on to discuss similar Pace projects, potential relevant infrastructure improvements, and the importance of encouraging
pollinators on this trail. Maggie Czerwinski presented next, focusing on the benefits of walking and biking trails to health, safety, local economies, the environment, and equity and inclusion efforts. Lastly, Barbara Klipp presented on the potential for interconnectiveity with trails and public transportation, potential trail amenities, biker and driver accommodations, the possibility of offsetting costs by installing fiber optic cables under the trail, and more.

There were no immediate questions after the presentation and because the meeting had gone over our intended length of time, Senator Bush asked that everyone bring their thoughts and questions on this presentation to the next meeting. Senator Bush then explained that the updated IDOT parcel maps and a discussion about decision-making and next steps for the task force will be addressed at the next meeting.

There were two public comments. Susan Zingle asked that the task force protect the land in the corridor. Chris Geiselhart of the Lake County Aubudon Society explained that this land, which she called a green community asset, is a habitat for local birds and wildlife and that it is also used as a refuge for migratory animals.

After no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Dan Lewis, IDNR
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Visit Lake County

#LetsGoLakeCounty

The Official Destination Marketing Organization for Lake County, Illinois
Visit Lake County Mission:
Serve as the tourism champion and to market Lake County as a premier destination.
* Increase visitor spending & overnight stays.
* Contribute to economic vitality of Lake County and communities.
* Provide sales & marketing expertise, as travel industry leaders.
* The Certified DMO(Destination Marketing Organization) for Lake County.

Funding: State grant from hotel tax receipts, matched by 13 municipalities plus Lake County.
200+ industry partners & co-op advertising programs

Affiliated with the Illinois Office of Tourism
Promoting all of Lake County to a diverse mix of visitors and locals alike, highlighting the best attractions and amazing experiences we offer!
Top Website Searches

1. Calendar of Events
2. VLC Home
3. LC Restaurant Week Listings
4. Six Flags Ticket Guide
5. LC Restaurant Week Home
6. LC Libation Trail Home + Check-in
7. Lake County Road Trips
8. Summer Fest Blog
9. Fall Outdoors
10. Winter Holiday Events Page
11. Jack-O-Lantern World
12. Trick or Treat Hours
13. Ravinia 2022 Blog
14. LC Restaurant Week Check-in
15. Spooks & Spirits Fall Campaign
16. 101 Things To Do under $10
17. Holiday Your Way Home (Winter)
18. Special Offers Coupons
19. Fright Fest Guide
20. Santa’s Rock N Lights
21. Holiday in the Park Guide
22. LC Illuminates the Night Blog
23. Grayslake Balloon Fest
24. Dining Guide
25. Blog Home Page
Top Seasonal Searches

- Beaches
- Biking
- Birdwatching
- Boating
- Camping
- Dog Friendly
- Events
- Farmers Markets
- Fishing
- Golf
- Paddling/PWC
- Run/Hike
- Stargazing
- Sports & Rec
- Chain O’ Lakes
- Fort Sheridan
- Forest Preserves
- North Point Marina
- Illinois Beach State Park
- Volo Bog
ecotourism (noun) · eco-tourism (noun)
tourism directed toward exotic, often threatened, natural environments, intended to support conservation efforts and observe wildlife

Miriam-Webster: Definition of ecotourism
: the practice of touring natural habitats in a manner meant to minimize ecological impact
Tourism/Outdoor Recreation Sites

Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources (IDNR)
2021 Annual Visitors:

- Illinois Beach State Park: 1.2 million
- Chain O’ Lakes State Park: 321,000
- Moraine Hills State Park: 800,000
- Volo Bog State Natural Area: 90,000

Outdoor Activities – Economic Impact
In 2021 outdoor activities generated revenues of over $3.2 billion (IDNR)
Lake County Forest Preserve District Visitors:
Estimated 4 million visitors pre-COVID with a 40% increase during the first year of COVID.
Lake County Partners’ Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

Excerpts:

Goal 2: Transformational Development
[...] Development should also be designed and built with environmental resiliency in mind, including green building practices, preservation of natural spaces and biodiversity, and clean energy generation.

Goal 3: Community Engagement
3.5. Make quality-of-life investments that will support tourism recovery and growth in Lake County and positively impact both residents and visitors.

3.5.1. Increase public access to natural resources and green spaces, including waterfronts and the forest preserve.

Expand trails and amenities for residents and visitors.
3.5.2. Connect trail systems to key thoroughfares to create viable commuter routes from residential areas to employment centers (see Strategy 2.3).
Get Your Kicks on Route 66, Illinois’ Trail
McLean County, Illinois

Development of the trail is being championed primarily at the local level, with municipal investment aimed to bolster Main Street economies and connect communities, neighborhoods and parks.

“For every $1 invested in Illinois tourism, $9 in Economic Development are returned”

-National Trust for Historic Preservation
“Old Plank Road Rail”
A 21.5 mile lightly trafficked point-to-point trail located near Joliet, Illinois that features a river and is good for all skill levels. The trail is primarily used for walking, running, nature trips, and road biking and is accessible year-round.
The trail is managed and maintained by the OPRT Management Commission, a governing body with representatives from the forest preserve district and the towns and villages that banded together to purchase, plan, and develop the trail.
Connecting communities, people and natural areas.

oprt.org
Key City of Chicago agencies (Chicago Department of Transportation, Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, Department of Housing and Economic Development, Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities, and the Chicago Police Department) worked seamlessly with the Chicago Park District, The Trust for Public Land, and dozens of other groups to turn the vision for The 606 into a reality.

The 606 – The Bloomingdale Trail
The Trust for Public Land works with communities to create parks, including The 606

No matter the season, The 606’s landscape rewards visitors with an ever-changing display of flowering shrubs, deciduous trees, and perennial flowers and grasses. Plants chosen for their seasonal interest also attract and provide habitat for birds, bees, and butterflies. Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates landscape architects created a series of distinct garden "rooms," drawing visitors through the 2.7 mile length of the Bloomingdale Trail.
Distinct Zones - Garden “Rooms”
Former railroad right-of-way now features six parks, gardens, paths, events, art, architecture, athletics and connects several high-density residential/commercial neighborhoods, improving lifestyles, reducing crime, raising property values and the local economy.
A balanced approach to merging concepts

- The 606 case study has two sides - growth management is necessary.
- If successful, this type of overall project could add to the economy and quality of life in Lake County.
- Economic impact would likely be positive to adjacent communities, and add greater recreation opportunities - more people.
- The preservation ethic and investment priority relates back to Lake County Partners Economic Development Strategy.
Adjacent Attractions

• Natural Preservation Areas
• Wetlands
• Buffalo Creek Forest Preserve
• Forest Preserve & Park District Properties
• Long Grove Historic Village
• Access towards Lake Zurich, Lincolnshire, Buffalo Grove
• Hawthorn Woods - Community Spaces
• Mundelein - Commercial, Parks & School Properties
• Cross-access towards Libertyville, Wauconda
• Lake County Fairgrounds
• Prairie Crossing Community
• Prairie Crossing Metra/Transportation Hub
• Connects with Millennium Trail Routes
• Grayslake - Rt.120 Business & links to Downtown
• The Lake County Libation Trail, Restaurants

Conceptual Features

• Protected Environmental Zones
• Preserved Wetlands
• Wildlife Habitats
• Birdwatching
• Walking/Hiking/Biking
• Gateway Features
• Public Gardens
• Art & Architecture Installations
• Athletic Fields
• Fitness Trails
• Accessible Recreation
• Adjacent Retail/Service
• Transportation Connections & Parking
• Public Amenities, Restrooms
• Performance Areas
• Picnic Shelters
Visit Lake County markets to local residents & visitors alike, 50/50.
- To attract visitors, what distinguishing features would be worth traveling for?
  What is special about this destination for residents?
- How does this complement and connect to our already developed reputation for great forest preserves and trails?

To make this a marketable destination, branding and a unique name & identity is key.
- Professional marketing guidance to position the project for success.
- Development visioning, enlisting community support, soliciting financial backing, seeking grant funding.
- Strong, long-term marketing plan to sustain interest and build enthusiasm.

This is a unique opportunity to create a destination with multiple zones that match the surrounding environment and supports each adjacent community’s needs, but is developed under one master concept.
THANK YOU

Maureen Riedy, President  Maureen@lakecounty.org
John Maguire, Community Outreach & Programs Director  john@lakecounty.org
Multimodal Transportation Planning in a Green Corridor

CONNECTIVITY
TRANSPORTATION

More than 90 percent of travel in the Project area is by car. When it comes to commuting, about 7 percent of commuters use transit, primarily Metra lines.

That being said, bus transit is limited in this area and there has been a growing desire from the area for expanded service (county-wide paratransit just started May 1st).

1. Inadequate travel options to reach regional destinations
2. Widespread congestion and unreliable travel

The task force needs to propose efficient travel options that meet current and future transportation needs by improving access to regional destinations and by reducing congestion.
A Hub offers several transportation modes with connectivity by foot or bike trails and mass transit. Numerous amenities enhance the connectivity and convenience of the hub while including a green plaza transitioning to the corridor.
Convenience

People choose transportation mode based on what is the most convenient, in terms of time, price, proximity, and flexibility.
Transportation & land use planning should consider diverse transportation options, including walking, cycling, public transit, TNC, etc. and account for land use factors that affect accessibility.
TRANSPORTATION HUB ELEMENTS

Amenities
- Bike Racks
- Vehicle electric charging
- Shelter
- Restrooms
- Green Plaza
- Interactive Map
- Park N, Ride

Services
- Bike Rentals
- Bus & Paratransit
- Train
- Taxi/TNC
- Coffee shop/Café
- Lockers
- Free Wi-Fi & electronics charging
An affordable ride is right outside your front door.

Pace On Demand service is a reservation based, curb-to-curb, shared ride service for commuters just like you. Reserving your trip is easy. Book your trip online, or simply give us a call to go anywhere in the designated service area. Rides are booked on a first-come, first-serve basis, so make sure to reserve your ride at least one hour (or up to 7 days) in advance. Get out the door and on your way with Pace On Demand.

At the Hawthorn Mall, pickups do not need to be prearranged. See schedule on reverse. On Demand service is wheelchair accessible and is open to the general public.

Pace On Demand accepts cash, Ventra®, Ventra transfers and honors the Reduced Fare Policy for eligible customers. For more information, visit PaceBus.com.

$1.00 fare is available to seniors, persons with disabilities, Medicare card holders, and military personnel.

Get started:

- **Weekdays**: 6:00 am - 6:15 pm
- **Reservations**: 1 hour - 7 days prior
- **Online**: PaceBus.com/OnDemand
- **Phone**: 224-735-8678
- **One way $2.00**: Cash = $2.25

Get riding!
You can also catch the bus at these times and this location, with no booking necessary.

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224-735-8678
PaceBus.com/OnDemand

ON DEMAND
Vernon Hills - Muncielein
August 2020
Existing roads could be enhanced to connect to trails and transit - Bike lane on either side as shown below.
BUS LANE-EXPRESS

PROPOSED - Alt 1
Parking on Left and Buffered Bike Lane on the Right
1st Avenue N and S
20th Street - 31st Street
TRANSPORTATION HUB POSSIBLE OPTIONS

**ATRAIN STATION**
- Prairie Crossing
- Mundelein
- Vernon Hills

**PARK N’ RIDE**
- Buffalo Grove
- Mundelein
- Vernon Hills
Metra Bike Car
Bus shelter with real time bus tracker, both audio and visual!
Easier ADA accessibility with raised bus platforms. Bike rack on all buses.
A growing number of transportation agencies have implemented pollinator habitat programs (e.g., Iowa Living Roadway Trust Fund, Illinois DOT Monarch Program, Monarch Highway, Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative), and best management practices and resources have been developed for pollinator habitat in roadside rights-of-way.
There are many native plants that are able to thrive in the highly disturbed, compacted, and nutrient-poor soil that remains following road construction while also providing valuable resources for pollinators. Additionally, the maintenance of roadsides as turf grass provides few resources for pollinators (and other animals) and is costly.

Value of Native Plants in Roadside Plantings

“Growing native plants on roadsides needs to be routine.” -- Carmelita Nelson, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
We Need a Bee Highway!

Bees are the most efficient pollinator; a single bee colony can pollinate 3 million flowers a day.
Benefits of Trails, Walking & Biking

- **Health & Safety**: Increase physical activity, reduced crashes, reduced respiratory disease
- **Economy**: Low or no cost, supports businesses and local economy
- **Environment**: Reduces air pollution
- **Equity & Inclusion**: Not everyone owns or can afford or drive a car!
- **Creates community & improves quality of life!**
Health Benefits

Trails promote positive changes in public health by promoting physical activity and making it easier for people of all abilities to get moving.

Why this matters?

• Childhood obesity has tripled in the U.S. over the last 30 years. Illinois ranked 9th in the country in obese adolescents.
• In Lake County 23% of adults are obese and 34% are overweight.
• Unhealthy weight gain increases one’s risk for diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and some types of cancer.
Trails help neighborhoods get moving

The Indiana Trails Study, which looked at six towns statewide that added trail systems found that over 70% of community members reported getting more exercise because of their trails.

- Rails to Trails Conservancy
Trails are good for community health

A cost/benefit analysis of a trail building program in Lincoln, Nebraska found that for every dollar invested in trails, the community saved $2.94 in reduced medical costs, a nearly 300% return on investment!

- American Heart Association
Other health benefits

• A 30-minute round-trip bicycle commute is associated with **better mental health** in men.

• Women who walk or bike 30 minutes a day have a **lower risk of breast cancer**.

• **Teenagers** who bike or walk to school watch less TV and are less likely to smoke than their peers who are driven.

• 120 minutes a week in nature is associated with **good health, well-being, and lower levels of illness and stress**.
Economic Benefits

*Trails make communities more attractive places to live, shop, and visit, boosting local economies and helping small business.*
Economic Benefits

Trails create jobs
• Bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects create up to double the jobs of road infrastructure projects per $1 million spent.

Trails reduce car dependence
• The cost of owning a car is over $9,000 by year, compared to the annual cost of $300 to own a bike. Better infrastructure makes it easier for people to use alternative transit and reduce their dependence on a car.
Economic Benefits

Trails impact home values
• When communities build trails, the improved walkability has been shown to positively affect neighborhood home values.

Trails direct money into the community
• Recreational hiking is a booming industry. Annual direct spending by trail users increased from $7.62 billion in 2002 to $40.8 billion in 2008, with growth expected to continue in the future.
  • American Trails, “Economic Benefits of Trails”
Economic Benefits

Local businesses benefit from trails

• A survey of small business owners located near a trail in Pennsylvania found that 25% of their revenue came from people visiting the trail.
  • American Trails, “Economic Benefits of Trails”

Communities need trails to attract development

• According to the National Association of Homebuilders, “trails consistently remain the number one community amenity sought by prospective homeowners.” New homeowners mean new businesses, growth for the community, and a stronger tax base.
Environmental Benefits

*Trails help the environment by giving people more choices in how they get around for transportation or recreation.*

This results in:

- **Reduced greenhouse gas emissions** from reduced motor vehicles traveled, gas use, and emission exhaust
- **Cleaner air**
- **More sustainable urban and natural environments**
- An overall **healthier ecosystem**
Not everyone can afford or drive a car!

• About 1/3 of the state population does not drive, including people with disabilities, seniors, and youth.

• 1/3 of poor minorities lack access to a car (12% for poor whites)

• 560,000 people with disabilities never leave their homes due to transportation difficulties

• Older adults who no longer drive make fewer trips for health care, shopping, visiting family
**Connectivity means:** freedom, social interaction, and staying healthy for all.

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ROUTE 53 CORRIDOR LAND USE TASK FORCE

MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION PRESENTATION

MAY 27, 2022
### Table 4-69. Corridor 16 Demographic Characteristics (2000-2015)

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*Includes American Indian and Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander, Other Races, and those identified by two or more races.

*As presented in FHWA Order 6640.33A, Hispanic or Latino populations are classified as a minority group, regardless of race. Consistent with U.S. Census data, Hispanic or Latino origins are considered as ethnicity data and a separate designation from race data.

Sources: Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, Esri, SB Friedman, U.S. Census Bureau.
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MORE TRAIL CONNECTIONS

We can work with local communities, the state and the county to make connections and access to the trail within individual communities.
WILDLIFE CORRIDOR – WHAT IS THAT?
GRADE SEPARATIONS WHERE TRAIL CROSSES ROADS

Possibly use wetland mitigation money for them
DESIRED TRAIL AMENITIES

• Benches
• Picnic Areas
• Water Fountains
• Way Finding
• Washrooms
• Accessibility for all including people with disabilities strollers and senior citizens
  Lodging or camping
POSSIBLE FUTURE TRANSPORTATION HUB
METRA

• There are two Metra lines at the top of the corridor
• Metra Milwaukee North and Metra North Central Lines
### North Central Service Line

**Effective 9/7/2021**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, unless otherwise specified, the following schedules are temporarily in effect. Metra will announce schedule changes on metra.com and through social media outlets.

**On WEEKDAYS, the below Alternate Schedule is temporarily in effect.**

**There is NO WEEKEND SERVICE on North Central Service.**

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ACCOMMODATIONS FOR DRIVERS

- Limited parking along the route
- Charging stations
- Park and Rides
CYCLING

• Desired amenities:
  • bike racks
  • bike friendly access
  • grade separations or crosswalks
  • water fountains
  • bike repair shops
  • Security cameras for bike racks whenever possible
BIKE SHARING THROUGHOUT THE CORRIDOR

- Grayslake already has a pilot program. Perhaps we could piggy-back.
- Sharing sites at transportation hubs and located appropriately in each town.
- Possibly coordinate with Mundelein train station as well.
EQUITY AND INCLUSION FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES, INCOME LEVELS AND PHYSICAL ABILITIES

- Accessible trails for wheelchairs, strollers, bikes...
- Resting places
- Tactile features for the blind
- Adjustments to the height and placement of signs
- Ramps and guardrails
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

• Cafes, restaurants, foodstuffs
• bike repair and sales
• equestrian (stables, rentals...)
• hotels, inns, B & B's
• camping
• outdoor equipment sales
• photography
• connections to other attractions, events and festivals
• ride sharing jobs
30 BY 30

- Presidential directive to conserve 30 percent of the nation’s land and water by 2030
- There is/will be funding and resources available
- IDNR link to Illinois 30 by 30 Conservation Task Force
https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/programs/30by30/Pages/default.aspx#:~:text=The%20mission%20of%20the%20Illinois,Assembly%20by%20July%202022.

THE PROBLEM
The continental U.S. loses an average of a football field worth of natural area every 30 seconds.

Human activity has severely altered 75% of the land and 66% of the ocean.

At the current rate of losses, less than 10% of the Earth will be free of human impact by 2050.

In the past few decades animal populations have declined to less than half of their former size.

THE 30x30 SOLUTION
Scientists say that protecting at least 30% of the world’s lands and oceans by 2030 and 50% by 2050, will be necessary to prevent mass extinctions and ecological collapse.

Biologists have found that animal and plant abundance is on average 15% higher inside protected areas than outside.

Approximately 60% of lands in the continental U.S. are in a mostly natural condition or could be restored to that condition.

30x30
PROTECTING 30 PERCENT OF AMERICA BY 2030

PUBLIC SUPPORT
73% of Westerners across the political spectrum support setting a national goal of protecting 30% of America’s lands and oceans by 2030.
POSSIBLE COST OFFSET

• Fiber Optic Cable installation and leasing under the trail:
  • - 2 inch pipe underneath the trail
  • Pennies on the dollar added to the cost of the trail cost
  • Could be leased out and potential for millions per year in income
CHALLENGES

• No North Central Train service on weekends (Barbara)
  CN need double tracking (100's of millions)
  Plan to partner with LCP and LC and apply for RTA community
  planning grant to do a study on the potential economic
  development benefits to connecting Lake County to O'Hare on
  weekends and after 8PM
• Bus and train schedule coordination
• Who maintains the trail?
• Safety and no cameras at PC station
• Cost of ROW acquisition
  on (IDOT does not own all of the property)