

### Attendees:

Brad Leibov, LPF (Chair)  
Aaron Lawlor, Lake County (Co-Chair)  
George Ranney, BRAC  
Lenore Beyer-Clow, Openlands  
Dave Brown Vernon Hills  
Michael Talbett, Kildeer  
Linda Soto, Hainesville  
Steve Shields, Round Lake  
Jim Anderson, LCFPD  
Mike Prusila, LCSMC (attending for Mike Warner)  
Dawn Abernathy, Mundelein  
Jason Navota, CMAP  
Daniel Grove, Lakota  
Jay Womack, WRD  
Ernesto Huaracha, WRD

### Introduction:

- Recap of other Cooperative Planning Tools Working Group – *Jason Navota*
- Other introductory remarks – *George Ranney, Brad Leibov, Aaron Lawlor*

### Presentation – *Jason Navota*

Questions & General Discussion – The following comments and questions were raised by different members of the Working Group as part of the discussion:

- Question if the Tollway is already protecting areas in the Core Tier or are they protected through other existing regulations?
- Confirmation with consultants that the Protected Areas are shown regardless of size.
- Encouraged that the threshold for forests be reduced to 25 acres or larger with native systems & species. Also asked to see adjacent protected resources outside of the Corridor for context in discussion.
- Request for more study on thresholds for forests and wetlands
- Head waters wetlands are important and should be captured in the analysis.
- Suggest looking at resources based on merits not just size indicating he felt it is too early in the process to compromise.
- Request that the exhibits be prepared for the Core to show what resources make up the tier.
- Indicated mapping data of oaks in the County may be available.
- Encourage that a biological basis is needed to make any kind of threshold cut off.
- Request that all opportunities be shown on map and have a different team or working group make cuts on determination what is included.
- Request to show all opportunities to indicate potential advantages.
- The naming of the Flex Tier may make it feel expendable
- Question on who makes the decision what is ultimately included in each Tier?
- Request that mitigation banks be shown as part of the mapping.

- Comment that previous maps showed 50% of corridor green, but now we are looking at only the critical resources that can be added to or connected, which is why less of the map is green.
- One Working Group member indicated a preference for Framework 2.
- Suggestion that the individual opportunity maps will be helpful to see where specific goals for mitigation or the stewardship fund can be accommodated.
- One WG member questioned how much mitigation is already accounted for? Another WG member replied that none of it is, and it would need new lands.
- Request for a refinement of the Core and additional detail of the opportunities is needed for next meeting's discussion.
- Suggestion that consultants need to think about the direct impacts of the road and also the unintended consequences so they can be addressed through mitigation.
- Several WG members indicated their support for a three tier with "Opportunity" replacing "Flex."
- Suggestion that "Opportunities" will be useful when decisions on where to mitigate come up.
- The question was asked to the group how to establish the mitigation ratios?
  - One suggestion to have a discussion with Army Core and others on mitigation amounts to have an upfront discussion and understand what thoughts on ratios they may have.
  - Comment that if the process needs to establish buy-in to higher mitigation ratios or new mitigation requirements it should establish who enforces non-regulated resources
  - Suggestion that an oak ordinance can be established, but still can't prevent someone from removing trees, only fine if removed. Asked if we can hope to accomplish more than that?
- Comment that we should know what resources will be impacted by the road and plan for it.
  - Response that we don't know what the future impacts will be.
  - Comment that we might not have answers so we need to figure out how to hold owner on municipality accountable.
- One WG member Indicated preference for simpler two tier approach.
- Suggestion that forested areas are the only item in sensitive resource in question.
- Question if this plan to be applied to the Tollway and any unintended consequences on for ALL land use?
  - Response that it is for all land use.
- One WG member indicated a preference not to set minimums on mitigation or stewardship acreages and that the intent is not where to spend money but to develop high quality balanced land use plan
- Comment that funds are to target new acreage and innovative ways to enhance and protect lands that might be impacted.
  - Question if fund would be used to offset impacts?
- Comment that one vision for the plan is that it would address to get municipalities to participate in good planning. By presenting open space network opportunities it will foster discussion and allow municipalities and agencies to capitalize on them in innovative ways.
- Suggestion for removing the sensitive category as the Core thresholds could be modified to accommodate the same areas/components.
- Suggestion that the sensitive category could be used for encouraging small protection and enhancement opportunities on private lands.
- Suggestion that forest mitigation should be asked of the Working Group for a simple yes or no on if it should be included in the document.
- Comment that the document should include suggestions or guidelines for protecting and enhancing private lands or "back yard" activities, and that it should be separate from the Tiers, maybe not sandwiched in between Core and Opportunity.
- Suggestion that the document could include a Heritage trees model ordinance.
- Recommendation for native landscaping of pond edges as a good suggested policy in the report.
- Suggestion that the consultants look into the Route 12 Development Corridor Council which provided guidance for Best Management standards in new projects.

Potential Dates for Next Meeting:

- June 10<sup>th</sup> from 11 to 1
- June 30<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 11

Public Comment

- Pam Newton, Hawthorn Woods – Suggested identifying willing land sellers to ground maps in reality.
- Gloria Charland – Asked how much has been spent on the various studies that have not resulted in the construction of the road and suggested that leaders consider residents and their desires for open space amenities.