

# Prairie Parkway

## Corridor Protection - Frequently Asked Questions:

### **What gives IDOT the right to protect and record a corridor?**

Illinois Statutes (Illinois Highway Code -605 ILCS 5/4-510) give the Department the authority to establish and protect rights of way for future additions to the state highway system and prevent costly and conflicting development of the land involved.

### **When will IDOT start buying the affected properties?**

When a property owner within the protected corridor notifies IDOT that they plan to develop or improve their property, the Department has 45 days to decide whether or not to purchase the property. IDOT will only purchase the property if the proposed improvement conflicts with their goal of protecting the corridor from further development.

### **Can I sell my house?**

Corridor Protection does not place restrictions on selling property, only improvements to property.

### **What happens if I have an improvement already in progress?**

The Department should be notified for any physical improvements started after the Corridor Protection Map was recorded.

### **Will I be compensated for the change in property value due to being identified within the corridor?**

Corridor Protection is not considered a property take; compensation will occur if and when the property is purchased. Compensation will be based on an appraiser's estimates of value at the time of actual purchase.

### **What happened to the recorded corridor that was in place from 2002 to 2007?**

IDOT held a public hearing in July 2007 to alter the protected corridor, eliminate it where it was no longer needed, and recorded the new B5 corridor alignment. The new Corridor Protection Map was approved on November 8, 2007.

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