



You are invited to attend an Open House Public Hearing held by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) in conjunction with the Lake County Division of Transportation (LCDOT) concerning U.S. Route 45 from Illinois Route 132 to Illinois Route 173 including the Millburn Bypass located within the Villages of Lindenhurst and Old Mill Creek in Lake County. The public hearing is an open house format, meaning interested individuals can attend any time during the hearing. The hearing will take place on:

**Date:** Thursday, March 21, 2013  
**Time:** 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM  
**Location:** Millburn Middle School  
640 Freedom Way  
Lindenhurst, Illinois 60046

**Purpose of the Hearing:**

- Present the results of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for U.S. 45, from IL 132 to IL 173.
- Present the planned improvements for the selected west Millburn Bypass alternative.
- Present the likely future improvements for U.S. 45 north and south of the bypass area.
- Provide an opportunity for public comment.

Exhibits will be on display and an audio-visual presentation will be shown approximately every 15 minutes beginning at 4:30 P.M., with the last showing at 7:15 P.M. IDOT and LCDOT representatives and project team members will be present to answer questions regarding the project.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment (EA) will be on display at the public hearing for review, and will also be available on the project website ([www.route45project.com](http://www.route45project.com)) starting on March 6, 2013 or earlier. IDOT is seeking public comments on the proposed use of property from the Raven Glen Forest Preserve associated with the likely future improvements to U.S. Route 45 north of Miller Road. This property is owned and operated by the Lake County Forest Preserve District and is protected by Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966. IDOT intends to seek a *de minimis* impact finding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) based on the project not adversely affecting the features, attributes, or activities qualifying this property for protection under Section 4(f). IDOT will process any permits that may be required for construction within the designated floodway of Hastings Creek as part of future improvements to U.S. Route 45.

This hearing is accessible to handicapped individuals. For special assistance contact Marie Glynn at (847) 705-4073. Persons planning to attend who will need a sign language interpreter or similar accommodations should notify the TTY/TDD number (800) 526-0844 or 711; TTY Users (Spanish) (800) 501-0864 or 711; and for Telebraille (877) 526-6670 or 711 at least 5 days prior to the hearing.

To be included in the public hearing record, comments must be received by April 8, 2013. Comments can be submitted at the hearing in writing or to a Court Reporter, submitted via the project website, or mailed to:

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