

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning to study Algonquin, Cary quarry areas

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Algonquin and Cary are teaming up for a new study that would help create plans for quarry sites in the villages.

The municipalities received a grant from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, which will provide staffing to create a plan for the site between Algonquin's and Cary's downtown areas bounded by the Fox River to the east and Route 31 to the west, according to Algonquin village documents.

The agency's services are estimated to cost \$100,000, and each village is being asked to pitch in \$10,000.

The plan will identify desired land use and development concepts, such as creating strong bicycle and pedestrian connections to link the two village's business districts.

The study will build off recent planning efforts for downtown Algonquin and Cary's recently adopted comprehensive plan, and it will focus on the quarry sites along the Route 31 corridor from Algonquin Road to Hoffman Park in Cary.

The plans could include utility coordination and economic development partnerships, such as a tax-sharing agreement, according to documents.

Mining areas include:

- North of Klasen Road – Mining ceased in December, and the quarry property will be transitioned to the village of Cary on June 1. Planning will focus on public recreation improvements.
- South of Klasen Road – The area still is actively mined, and its estimated mining operations will stop in the foreseeable future.
- West of Route 31 – The area will continue as a processing area for materials mined east of Route 31. It will not be available for development until mining south of Klasen Road is complete.

A CMAP representative will provide an overview of the project at the Algonquin Village Board meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Village Hall, 2200 Harnish Drive.