

Video Transcript

Station 1: Introduction

Algonquin-Cary Subarea Plan Virtual Open House

The Algonquin-Cary Subarea Plan presents a vision for the future of the Route 31 corridor – from downtown Algonquin to Hoffman Park. After decades of sand and gravel mining, there's an opportunity to restore and develop land along Route 31. This plan is the result of a collaboration between the Villages of Algonquin and Cary and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning. The plan's recommendations, examples, and actions will allow the Villages, residents, business owners, and potential investors to make informed decisions on land use, environmental protection, transportation, and capital improvements to implement the vision for the subarea.

This area has incredible resources like Hoffman Park, Fox Bluff Conservation Area, the Fox River, and the newly opened Cary Lake at Rotary Park. It's rich in mineral resources too, which have sustained the surface mining industry in this area for decades. And it is home to several neighborhoods as well as Downtown Algonquin.

The plan was developed over the last two years with input from over 800 people – including residents, business owners, open space managers, and community leaders. Neighbors and stakeholders support creating a unique destination for recreation and entertainment, protecting natural resources, and allowing development that makes the best use of the lakes while limiting impacts to surrounding neighborhoods. New parks and open space will also need new revenues for long-term maintenance and management.

We want to thank you for participating in this virtual open house. After we hear from you, the project team will revise the plan before making a presentation to the Algonquin and Cary Village Boards. Once the Villages adopt the plan, they'll begin to coordinate on next steps to implement the vision for the area.