

## **Video Transcript**

### **Station 5: Subarea 3 and Transportation Improvements – Mining areas west of Route 31 Algonquin-Cary Subarea Plan Virtual Open House**

The mining areas to the west of Route 31 make up over 290 acres in Algonquin, situated between land in Lake in the Hills. Mining activities here could last for 10 more years, and the future of this land will depend on the real estate market potential at the time. Before mining ceases, the plan recommends conducting a market study to assess the potential for office, light industrial, or other uses. And it recommends developing a site plan that protects and restores sensitive natural resources, including the lakes.

Stakeholders are excited to connect this area to the Prairie Trail, which will require close coordination with various jurisdictions and property owners. The feasibility, timeline, and trail alignment will depend on a variety of factors, including the site's current use for mineral extraction, the need to protect sensitive natural resources, and future redevelopment potential.

The plan recommends several improvements to provide safe transportation options. The design of new roads and intersections is important to minimize conflicts between people walking, biking, and driving. The plan recommends expanding trails and sidepaths to create a continuous system connecting Cary Lake at Rotary Park, Hoffman Park, Fox Bluff, and the Prairie Trail. The plan also includes the proposed Crystal Lake – Barrington Road bus route that would support future higher density development.

A new bridge over the Fox River could be needed in the future. The plan incorporates the proposed river crossing and recommends that it provide access for people walking, biking, and driving, while sustaining the ecological and cultural integrity of Fox Bluff Conservation Area.