

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## The Iowa DOT is requesting public comments for a proposed intersection impacting Margo Frankel Woods State Park in Polk County

The Iowa Department of Transportation proposes to acquire additional highway right-of-way and temporary right-of-way areas from Margo Frankel Woods (MFW) State Park in Polk County.

The MFW State Park is located along the south side of Northwest 66th Avenue and is on both the east and west sides of Iowa 415. MFW is publicly owned by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and is maintained by the Saylor Township Board of Trustees. The park is a nature reserve and wildlife refuge and offers 135 acres of urban woodlands, playground equipment, and picnic areas.

The Iowa DOT will acquire 0.91 acre of additional highway right of way from MFW State Park. The Iowa DNR and Iowa DOT have jointly identified approximately 1.26 acres of land for mitigation that is at least equal fair market value and reasonably equivalent usefulness and location.

The MFW State Park has been determined to be a Section 4(f) resource and the acquisition of right of way is expected to have de minimis impact on the area.

Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 was enacted as a means of protecting publicly owned parks, recreation areas, and wildlife/waterfowl refuges, as well as historic sites of local, state, or national significance

from conversion to transportation uses. De minimis impacts are defined as those that, after consideration of any measure(s) to minimize harm (such as avoidance, minimization, mitigation, or enhancement measures), do not adversely affect the activities, features, and attributes of the Section 4(f) resource.

The public is invited to review the impacts of the proposed intersection project on the protected activities, features, and attributes of the nature reserve and wildlife refuge area by:

- Visiting [www.iowadot.gov/ole/otherprojectinfo.html](http://www.iowadot.gov/ole/otherprojectinfo.html).
- Mailing a request for information to: DeeAnn Newell, Office of Location and Environment, Iowa DOT, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa 50010.
- Calling 515-239-1364 to request information.
- Sending an email request for information to: [deeann.newell@dot.iowa.gov](mailto:deeann.newell@dot.iowa.gov)

The public comment period ends May 28, 2014. Comments may be submitted through the online comment form at the above website, via email to: [deeann.newell@dot.iowa.gov](mailto:deeann.newell@dot.iowa.gov), or by mail to the address listed above.