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Public open house set for April 6 to discuss proposed Illinois 81 project in Kewanee

DIXON – The Illinois Department of Transportation is inviting the public to attend an informational open house to view and comment on the possible designs for the proposed reconstruction of Illinois 81 from Union Street to Main Street in Kewanee.

The event will be held:

**Thursday, April 6
2 to 7 p.m.
Kewanee Public Library
102 S. Tremont Street, Kewanee**

The public is invited to stop by at any time during the scheduled meeting hours to view graphics and displays, discuss design concepts with IDOT staff, ask questions, and provide public comment. There will be no formal presentation. To request reasonable accommodations, contact Corey Stout, Project Manager, IMEG CORP., 401 E. State Street, Rockford, IL 61104 at least three days prior to the meeting. The contact may be in writing or by telephone at 815-997-1876.

The proposed project would involve use of land at Baker Park from the Kewanee Park District. Approximately less than one half acre out of 202 acres included in the Kewanee Park District would be converted to permanent easement for highway use at the west end of the property behind a proposed retaining wall and at the storm sewer outlet.

Approximately less than one acre of the 202 acres of Kewanee Park District land will be converted to temporary easement along the entire length of the property along Illinois 81 and will consist of relocation of one disk golf hole at the east end of the project that will affect the park's activities, features, or attributes that make the property eligible for Section 4(f) protection. Through publication of this notice, the Department is requesting the public's views on the proposed use of park land, and on FHWA's intent to make a Section 4(f) de minimus determination."

More information about the Illinois 81 project is available on the project webpage at:
<https://idot.illinois.gov/projects/illinois-81-study-kewanee.html>

Over the next six years, IDOT is planning to improve more than 2,500 miles of highway and nearly 10 million square feet of bridge deck as part of the Rebuild Illinois capital program, which is investing \$33.2 billion into all modes of transportation. Accomplishments through Year Three of Rebuild Illinois included approximately \$8.6 billion of improvements statewide on 4,422 miles of highway, 412 bridges, and 621 additional safety improvements.

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