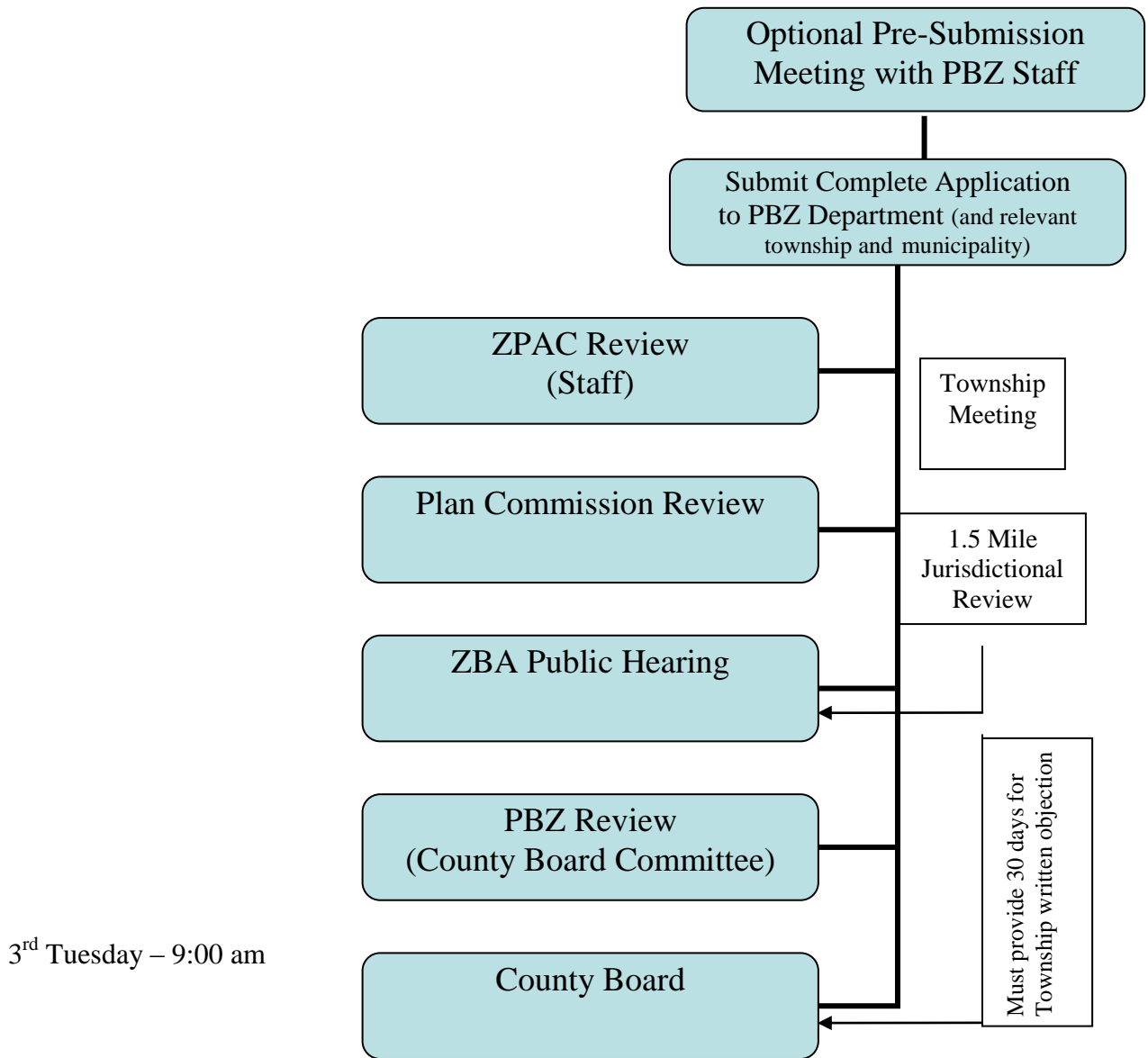


## Kendall County Rezoning Process (Map Amendment)



**Notes:**

1. Timeline assumes application submittal is complete, and no major changes are requested during the review process.
2. The Plan Commission, ZBA, PBZ and County Board may continue or table an item if it is determined that additional time or information is needed for review. Such actions will extend the review process.
3. Current policy (as provided on application forms) requires the petition to be heard and discussed by the affected Township and Municipality prior to being placed on the RPC agenda. However, Statute only requires that they (Township and Municipality) provide comments prior to action by the County Board. Given the expedited timeline noted above, a formal response from the Township and Municipality may not be available at the RPC or ZBA Hearing.

**KENDALL COUNTY TIMETABLE 2025**

**for TEXT AMENDMENTS, MAP AMENDMENTS, RPD's (Residential Planned Developments), NON-RESIDENTIAL PUDS,  
SPECIAL USES AND MAJOR AMENDMENTS TO A SPECIAL USE**

Application Deadline	ZPAC	COMBINED KCRPC & ZBA PUBLICATIONS**		Deadline to submit proof of publication to PBZ Dept.***	KCRPC	ZBA	PBZ	CB
		BEGIN	END					
By 4:30 p.m.	(9:00 A.M.)	BEGIN	END		(7:00 P.M.)	(7:00 P.M.)	(6:30 P.M.)	(9:00 A.M.)
10/22/24	11/05/24	11/16/24	12/01/24	12/04/24	12/11/24	12/16/24	01/13/25	01/21/25
11/15/24	12/03/24	11/16/24	12/01/24	12/04/24	12/11/24	12/16/24	01/13/25	01/21/25
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11/14/25	12/02/25	11/15/25	11/30/25	12/03/25	12/10/25	12/15/25	01/12/26	01/20/26

TIMELINE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE-REVIEW BY TOWNSHIPS, MUNICIPALITIES AND ADVISORY BOARDS COULD DELAY THE ADOPTION PROCESS

**\*\* Petitioners must adhere to KCRPC & ZBA publication timeframe as listed. All notifications must be given to property owners and published in the newspaper no earlier than the "begin" date listed and no later than the "end" date listed for the appropriate KCRPC & ZBA meeting. Notices submitted to the paper for publication must also include the legal description of the property that is the subject of the hearing. The "Kendall County Record" and "Beacon News" are the preferred papers for publication of notices. The "Beacon News" is published daily. The Kendall County Record is a weekly publication issued each Thursday. Please check with each publication regarding publication deadlines. For further information regarding the cost and deadlines related to each paper, contact the "Kendall County Record" at (630) 553-7034 ([publicnotice@kendallcountynow.com](mailto:publicnotice@kendallcountynow.com)) or the "Beacon News" ([suburban.legal@tribpub.com](mailto:suburban.legal@tribpub.com))**

**\*\*\* Proof of notification must be submitted to the Planning, Building & Zoning Department prior to the KCRPC meeting. The deadline is specified above.**

## **PROCEDURES FOR A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT**

### **ZPAC**

The Zoning and Platting Advisory Committee is held for the purpose of inviting the various county departments and some outside agencies to review and comment on a petition. A copy of the petition (including the application, staff report and attachments) is sent approximately one week before the meeting to departments such as: Health and Human Services, County Highway, WBK (County engineering consultant), the Soil and Water Conservation District, Forest Preserve, and the Sheriff. The petitioner and Township Supervisor will also receive a copy.

The petitioner (or a designated representative) should plan to attend the meeting. A staff member of the Planning, Building and Zoning Department will present the staff report. The petitioner will then be asked to speak about their petition in addition to answering questions raised by ZPAC. If all issues and concerns are met satisfactorily, staff will indicate that the petition will move forward in the process, to the next KCRPC meeting. However, if issues are not adequately addressed, the petition will be continued to the next ZPAC meeting or tabled until additional information is provided.

### **KCRPC**

The role of the Regional Planning Commission is to hold meetings on issues pertaining to county planning. Such issues include review of zoning amendments, new subdivision plats to ensure conformance with subdivision regulations, and aspects relating to conformance with the County's Land Resource Management Plan. The Commission is comprised of 10 appointed members who each represent one of the townships in the County, plus there is one "at large" member. Approximately one week before the meeting, all KCRPC members receive a copy of the petition to review and prepare for the meeting. The petitioner also receives a copy. (The petition includes ZPAC comments.)

It is the policy of the KCRPC to hear petitions that have been heard by the township and/or municipal planning commissions and boards (when applicable). If the Planning, Building and Zoning Department has not received information from the township and/or municipality regarding the petition, the KCRPC will decide whether or not to table it until such information is submitted.

The petitioner (or a designated representative) must attend the Kendall County Regional Planning Commission meeting. First, a staff member of the Planning, Building and Zoning Department will present the staff report. Then the petitioner will be asked to speak about their petition and answer questions raised by the KCRPC. Persons present who wish to speak on the petition may also have an opportunity to voice support or opposition, at the discretion of the KCRPC Chair. After discussing all issues and concerns, the KCRPC will vote to recommend approval or denial of the petition and move it forward to the next ZBA meeting. If the Regional Planning Commission believes more information is needed or that all issues have not been adequately addressed, they may move to continue the petition to the next KCRPC meeting or table it until additional information is provided.

**PROPER NOTIFICATION MUST BE GIVEN PRIOR TO THE PLAN COMMISSION MEETING (SEE CHECKLIST AND REQUEST A HEARING TIMETABLE). PROOF OF BOTH NOTIFICATION AND OF PUBLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO THE PLAN COMMISSION MEETING.**

### **ZBA**

The Zoning Board of Appeals conducts a public hearing to hear and record testimony supporting and/or opposing a petition. In the case of rezoning requests, the ZBA votes on a recommendation to the County Board. The County Board Chair appoints all seven ZBA members. The ZBA strives to make recommendations that will benefit the entire county, based on facts presented at the hearing and how the request will comply with the given standards. The Zoning Board of Appeals, in its recommendations, attempts to implement the procedures set forth in the Zoning Ordinance portion of the Kendall County Code and policies of the Kendall County Land Resource Management Plan. A few days before the meeting, all ZBA members receive a copy of the petition to review and prepare for the meeting. The petitioner also receives a copy. (The petition includes ZPAC and KCRPC comments.)

The petitioner (or a designated representative) must attend the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. A staff member of the Planning, Building and Zoning Department will present the staff report. Then, the petitioner will be sworn in and asked to speak about their petition and answer questions raised by ZBA members. Persons present who wish to speak on the petition will be sworn in and have an opportunity to voice support or opposition once the petitioner has spoken. After hearing and discussing all issues and concerns, the ZBA will vote to recommend approval or denial of the petition and move it forward to the next PBZ meeting. If the Zoning Board of Appeals believes more information is needed or that all issues have not been adequately addressed, they may move to continue the petition to the next ZBA meeting or table it until additional information is provided.

**If you wish to speak:**

1. You will stand and be sworn in by the Chair.
2. Before you begin your testimony, please sign the provided attendance sheet and also state your name and address for the record.
3. Speak loudly and clearly because testimony is being recorded. Address your comments and questions to the Chair.
4. Be brief and concise. Avoid repeating yourself and what others have said before you, although you may voice your support on what has already been said.
5. The Chair has the right to impose a time limit on testimony (approximately five minutes).
6. You may submit written testimony to the Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Department prior to the hearing date. It will then be read during the meeting at the discretion of the ZBA. All documents submitted at the hearing become County property and are included in the public record as exhibits.
7. Testimony should include facts and specific reasons, not just opinions. Examples of acceptable testimony include the following:
  - Compliance with County's Land Resource management Plan
  - Zoning in comparison to nearby properties
  - Effect on taxable value of nearby property
  - Effect on quality of life in neighborhood
  - County need for proposed development
  - Impact on community tax base and economy
  - Impact on City/School District/Park District services
  - Environmental impact
  - Property cannot be economically used without zoning change
  - Public safety, health, and welfare
  - Adequate open space

**Provide specific, well-documented information to substantiate testimony.** (For example, regarding "effect on taxable value of nearby property" provide examples of similar development and actual property value changes caused by rezoning, or expect testimony from appraiser as to property value changes in similar circumstances.)

**PROPER NOTIFICATION MUST BE GIVEN PRIOR TO THE ZBA MEETING (SEE CHECKLIST AND REQUEST A HEARING TIMETABLE). PROOF OF BOTH NOTIFICATION AND OF PUBLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO THE ZBA MEETING.**

**PBZ**

The Planning, Building and Zoning Committee is comprised of five members of the elected County Board. Their primary function is to hear petitions before they approach the entire County Board and to make recommendations to the County Board. This Committee is intended to help expedite the work of the County Board by giving petitioners and other interested parties a final opportunity to be heard. The PBZ also performs other functions such as reviewing the Planning, Building and Zoning Department functions. Approximately one week before the meeting all PBZ members receive a copy of the petition to review and prepare for the meeting. The petitioner also receives a copy. (The petition includes ZPAC, KCRPC, and ZBA comments.)

Similar to the previous meetings, the petitioner (or a designated representative) must attend the PBZ meeting. First, a staff member of the Planning, Building and Zoning Department will present the staff report. Then, the petitioner will be asked to speak about their petition and answer questions raised by the PBZ. Persons present who wish to speak on the petition have an opportunity to voice support or opposition once the petitioner has spoken. After hearing and discussing all issues and concerns, the Planning, Building and Zoning Committee will vote to recommend approval or denial of the petition and move it forward to the next County Board meeting. If the PBZ believes more information is needed or that all issues have not been adequately addressed, they may vote to continue the petition to the next PBZ meeting or table it until additional information is provided.

### **County Board**

The County Board is comprised of ten elected officials, who represent the citizens of Kendall County. These members represent all the County Board Districts; the Board appoints one of these members as the Chair. This body makes the final decision to grant approval or denial of a petition for a Rezoning. The Planning, Building and Zoning Department may instruct you whether or not you need to attend this meeting.

The Chair of the PBZ presents the ordinance and attachments to the County Board. The County Board then holds a final vote to approve or deny the petition.



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**APPLICATION**

PROJECT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FILE #: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>NAME OF APPLICANT</b> (Including First, Middle Initial, and Last Name)		
<b>CURRENT LANDOWNER/NAME(s)</b>		
<b>SITE INFORMATION</b>		
ACRES	SITE ADDRESS OR LOCATION	ASSESSOR'S ID NUMBER (PIN)
EXISTING LAND USE	CURRENT ZONING	LAND CLASSIFICATION ON LRMP
<b>REQUESTED ACTION</b> (Check All That Apply):		
<input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL USE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MAP AMENDMENT (Rezone to _____)	<input type="checkbox"/> VARIANCE
<input type="checkbox"/> ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE	<input type="checkbox"/> A-1 CONDITIONAL USE for: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> SITE PLAN REVIEW
<input type="checkbox"/> TEXT AMENDMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RPD ( <input type="checkbox"/> Concept; <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary; <input type="checkbox"/> Final)	<input type="checkbox"/> ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL
<input type="checkbox"/> PRELIMINARY PLAT	<input type="checkbox"/> FINAL PLAT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER PLAT (Vacation, Dedication, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT TO A SPECIAL USE ( <input type="checkbox"/> Major; <input type="checkbox"/> Minor)		
<b><sup>1</sup>PRIMARY CONTACT</b>	<b>PRIMARY CONTACT MAILING ADDRESS</b>	<b>PRIMARY CONTACT EMAIL</b>
<b>PRIMARY CONTACT PHONE #</b>	<b>PRIMARY CONTACT FAX #</b>	<b>PRIMARY CONTACT OTHER #(Cell, etc.)</b>
<b><sup>2</sup>ENGINEER CONTACT</b>	<b>ENGINEER MAILING ADDRESS</b>	<b>ENGINEER EMAIL</b>
<b>ENGINEER PHONE #</b>	<b>ENGINEER FAX #</b>	<b>ENGINEER OTHER # (Cell, etc.)</b>
I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THIS FORM, THAT THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION MAY BE VISITED BY COUNTY STAFF & BOARD/ COMMISSION MEMBERS THROUGHOUT THE PETITION PROCESS AND THAT THE PRIMARY CONTACT LISTED ABOVE WILL BE SUBJECT TO ALL CORRESPONDANCE ISSUED BY THE COUNTY.		
I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS SUBMITTED ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND THAT I AM TO FILE THIS APPLICATION AND ACT ON BEHALF OF THE ABOVE SIGNATURES. <b>THE APPLICANT ATTESTS THAT THEY ARE FREE OF DEBT OR CURRENT ON ALL DEBTS OWED TO KENDALL COUNTY AS OF THE DATE OF THE APPLICATION.</b>		
<b>SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT</b>		<b>DATE</b>

FEE PAID:\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 CHECK #: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup>Primary Contact will receive all correspondence from County

<sup>2</sup>Engineering Contact will receive all correspondence from the County's Engineering Consultants



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**MAP AMENDMENT/REZONING APPLICATION  
CHECKLIST**

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- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed Application Form
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Application Fee
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Rezoning Findings of Fact (To be completed by petitioner)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Brief justification of the reasons for the requested zoning and the intended use(s).
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Legal Description of Property Involved (submitted either on CD or email to PBZ Dept.)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Proof of Ownership (Deed or Title Insurance Policy)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ A Beneficiary Disclosure Statement for Property, if held in trust
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Proof of Application to Soil and Water Conservation District for Natural Resource Inventory
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Proof of Application to IDNR for Endangered Special Consultation Report if Zoned A-1  
(<https://dnr.illinois.gov/programs/ecocat.html>)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ **3 Copies of a Plat of Survey less than five years old depicting the following items\*:**
    - \_\_\_\_\_ Title
    - \_\_\_\_\_ Scale of Drawing
    - \_\_\_\_\_ "North Arrow" showing north at top of the drawing
    - \_\_\_\_\_ Location Map
    - \_\_\_\_\_ Date of drawing (as well as dates of any and all revisions)
    - \_\_\_\_\_ Names of Developer/Owner
    - \_\_\_\_\_ Names of Designer/Surveyor
    - \_\_\_\_\_ All existing structures on the property and adjacent properties within 100' of property line
    - \_\_\_\_\_ Utilities on the property and adjacent properties
    - \_\_\_\_\_ Existing easements (location, width and purpose)
    - \_\_\_\_\_ Existing streets and other rights-of-way
    - \_\_\_\_\_ Topography at 1 or 2 foot contours
    - \_\_\_\_\_ Wooded areas (if present)
    - \_\_\_\_\_ Natural drainage to, from and on the property
    - \_\_\_\_\_ Base Flood Elevation (if present on the property)
    - \_\_\_\_\_ Wetlands (if present on the property)
    - \_\_\_\_\_ Present zoning classification and PIN on subject property and all adjacent properties on plat or separate plan
- \*if submitting copies of 11"x17" or smaller, one additional 24"x36" copy is requested for display purposes.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A copy of the plat of survey must be submitted in PDF format either on CD or email to PBZ Dept.)

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO THE REGIONAL PLAN COMMISSION MEETING AND THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS HEARING:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of the Letter of Notification (staff will help put together)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Proof of publication 15 to 30 days before the public hearing
- \_\_\_\_\_ Proof of notification to recipients (i.e. green/white receipts)
- \_\_\_\_\_ List of notice recipients  
(Within 500' excluding existing road R.O.W. if property is zoned as A-1 Agricultural, surrounding properties if existing zoning is other than A-1)

**NOTE: PRIOR TO BEING PLACED ON THE REGIONAL PLAN COMMISSION AGENDA, THE PETITION MUST BE HEARD AND DISCUSSED BY THE AFFECTED TOWNSHIP AND MUNICIPALITY AT THEIR RESPECTIVE BOARD MEETINGS**

Please fill out the following findings of fact to the best of your capabilities. § 36-42(f) of the Kendall County Code lists the Finding of Fact criteria the Zoning Board of Appeals must answer in order to make a recommendation to the County Board on any **map amendment** request. They are as follows:

*Existing uses of property within the general area of the property in question.*

*The Zoning classification of property within the general area of the property in question.*

*The suitability of the property in question for the uses permitted under the existing zoning classification.*

*The trend of development, if any, in the general area of the property in question, including changes, if any, which may have taken place since the day the property in question was in its present zoning classification. The Zoning Board of Appeals shall not recommend the adoption of a proposed amendment unless it finds that the adoption of such an amendment is in the public interest and is not solely for the interest of the applicant. The Zoning Board of Appeals may recommend the adoption of an amendment changing the zoning classification of the property in question to any higher classification than that requested by the applicant. For the purpose of this paragraph the R-1 District shall be considered the highest classification and the M-2 District shall be considered the lowest classification.*

*Consistency with the purpose and objectives of the Land Resource Management Plan and other adopted County or municipal plans and policies.*





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**ZONING APPLICATION FEES**

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**MAP AMENDMENTS**

Any amount of acreage **\$500.00**

**SPECIAL USE PERMITS, PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS/ RESIDENTIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENTS AND MAJOR AMENDMENTS TO SPECIAL USES**

*The following fees include a processing fee, a fee for recording the special use in the recorder's office for 10 pages and a cost for the Zoning Board of Appeals at a rate of \$350.00 shall be imposed on ALL Special Uses*

All acreage zoned as A-1	\$1,155
All Other Zoning Districts	
0.0-5.00 acres	\$1,155
5.01-10.00 acres	\$1,905
10.01-50.00 acres	\$2,255 + \$50/acre or part thereof over 10 acres
50.01-100.00 acres	\$4,755 + \$35/acre or part thereof over 50 acres
100.01-500.00 acres	\$6,505 + \$20/acre or part thereof over 100 acres
500.01+	\$14,505 + \$15/acre or part thereof over 500 acres

**MINOR AMENDMENT TO SPECIAL USE** *(includes a processing fee and a fee for recording the minor amendment to the special use in the recorder's office)*

Any amount of acreage \$150.00

**VARIANCE** *(includes a processing fee and a fee for recording the variance in the recorder's office)*

As part of Special Use \$100

Not part of Special Use \$475 for first Variance Request of petition and \$50 for each additional request to be included in the same petition

**ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE** *(includes a processing fee and a fee for recording the minor amendment to the special use in the recorder's office)*

Any amount of acreage \$150.00

**PRELIMINARY PLAT**

Residential \$1,000.00 + \$50.00/acre or part of an acre

Other \$1,000.00 + \$100.00/acre or part of an acre

**FINAL PLAT**

All Final Plats \$50.00/acre or part of an acre (\$500.00 minimum)

OTHER PLAT (Vacation, Dedication, etc.)	
All Other Plat Actions	\$50.00/acre or part of an acre (\$500.00 minimum)
ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL	\$1,000.00 <sup>1</sup>
TEXT AMENDMENT	\$500.00
SITE PLAN REVIEW	\$375.00
CONDITIONAL USE	\$100.00
TEMPORARY USES	\$100.00

\*\*\*No waiver and no refund shall be made for any fee paid pursuant to this Ordinance without the approval of the Planning Building and Zoning Committee of the County Board\*\*\*

\*\*All fees for actions or activities by Kendall County or the Kendall County Forest Preserve District are hereby waived and all fees for non-profit organizations shall be charged half of the normal fees for zoning petitions; provided they show proof of non-profit status and that the permit be used only by the organizations itself\*\*\*

<sup>1</sup>In the event that ruling by the Zoning Board of Appeals favors the appealing party, the submitted fee for an administrative appeal shall be refunded to the applicant.

The deposit fee for renting the 2012 National Rifle Association Range Source Book can be found in Section 26-1(c) of the Kendall County Code.

ZONING FEES ESTABLISHED BY KENDALL COUNTY ORDINANCE EFFECTIVE 12/17/2019

KENDALL COUNTY  
DISCLOSURE OF BENEFICIARIES FORM

1. Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

2. Nature of Benefit Sought \_\_\_\_\_

3. Nature of Applicant: (Please check one)
- Natural Person
  - Corporation
  - Land Trust/Trustee
  - Trust/Trustee
  - Partnership
  - Joint Venture

4. If applicant is an entity other than described in Section 3, briefly state the nature and characteristics of the applicant:

5. If your answer to Section 3 you have checked letter b, c, d, e, or f, identify by name and address each person or entity who is a 5% shareholder in case of a corporation, a beneficiary in the case of a trust or land trust, a joint venture in the case of a joint venture, or who otherwise has proprietary interest, interest in profits and losses or right to control such entity:

NAME	ADDRESS	INTEREST

6. Name, address, and capacity of person making this disclosure on behalf of the applicant:  
\_\_\_\_\_

VERIFICATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn under oath that I am the person making this disclosure on behalf of the applicant, that I am duly authorized to make the disclosure, that I have read the above and foregoing Disclosure of Beneficiaries, and that the statements contained therein are true in both substance and fact.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. \_\_\_\_\_

(seal)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public



# Welcome to **EcoCAT** - the **Ecological Compliance Assessment Tool**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FIRST TIME USERS

- Your screen resolution must be set at **1024 x 768** or higher, and your browser window must be maximized. If not, you will not be able to use the MapTool.
- EcoCAT data entry must be completed within 20 minutes. If not, the information you have entered will be lost.
- You must complete all questions that are marked with an asterisk.
- To enter your project, you must have the County, Township, Range, and Section of its proposed location.
- EcoCAT generates a public record that is subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.
- If bookmarking this site, please bookmark THIS page, using this url: <https://dnr.illinois.gov/programs/ecocat.html>
- If you have questions or comments, send an e-mail to [DNR.EcoCAT@illinois.gov](mailto:DNR.EcoCAT@illinois.gov)

EcoCAT was developed to help state agencies, units of local government, and the public (as project proponents) initiate natural resource reviews for:

- [Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act](#) [520 ILCS 10/11(b)] and [Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act](#) [525 ILCS 30/17] as set forth in procedures under [Title 17 Ill. Admin. Code Part 1075](#).
- [Interagency Wetland Policy Act of 1989](#) [20 ILCS 830] as set forth in procedures under [Title 17 Ill. Admin. Code Part 1090](#) when state agencies provide funding (including federal pass-through funding) or technical assistance.

These laws require state agencies and units of local governments to consider the potential adverse effects of proposed actions on Illinois endangered and threatened species and sites listed on the Illinois Natural Areas Inventory.

EcoCAT can also accept Information Requests for natural resource reviews that do not trigger government consultation. An information request **DOES NOT** fulfill the requirements of Part 1075 or 1090.

## How EcoCAT Works

EcoCAT uses databases, Geographic Information System mapping, and a set of programmed decision rules to determine if your proposed action may be in the vicinity of protected natural resources. You receive a natural resource review report that either:

- Terminates consultation if no resources are in the vicinity; or
- Lists resources that may be in the vicinity and identifies the staff member who will review the action. After review, staff will either:
  - Terminate consultation because adverse effects are unlikely,
  - Request additional information, or
  - Recommend methods to minimize potential adverse effects.

A species may appear on the resource list more than once when it occurs in several locations within the project's vicinity. Also, many INAI Sites are Nature Preserves, Land and Water

Reserves, or Natural Heritage Landmarks. The sites may overlap, but the legal protections of each designation differ. Apart from Natural Areas, the boundaries of the other designations are based on property ownership and may extend beyond the location of the natural resources.

Keep in mind that “in the vicinity” does not necessarily mean “in the footprint” or that a resource will be adversely affected by the action. However, the potential is there and will be evaluated further. By the same token, because the resource buffers are very general, IDNR may evaluate resources located farther away if the proposed action or the life history requirements of a species warrant doing so.

The actual distribution of endangered and threatened species can never be known with certainty. Because some species are migratory, require very large territories, or are highly mobile, a natural resource review showing no protected resources does not guarantee that no T & E species are in the vicinity of a project. An EcoCAT review reflects the information existing in the Database at the time of this inquiry, and should not be regarded as a final statement on the site being considered, nor should it be a substitute for detailed site surveys or field surveys required for environmental assessments. If any protected resources are encountered during a project’s implementation, compliance with applicable statutes and regulations is required.

## How to Use EcoCAT

Information that must be completed in EcoCAT is indicated with a red asterisk (\*).

EcoCAT first asks a series of **General Information** questions. How you answer the questions ensures that your project receives the appropriate environmental review and is assigned to the correct staff member. If you do not answer all of the questions, the program will not allow you to proceed to the mapping tool. The questions, with explanations, are provided below.

### Q1. Why are you submitting the project to EcoCAT?

- To initiate consultation with IDNR (*Title 17 Ill. Admin. Code Part 1075*) to determine potential impacts to Illinois Natural Area Inventory sites or state-listed threatened or endangered species.
- To obtain information on Illinois T&E species or INAI sites for **project planning**.
- To obtain information on Illinois T&E species or INAI sites for **federal agency** actions (including NEPA compliance).

If you select the 1st option you are fulfilling the consultation requirements of the Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act and the Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act.

If you select the 2nd option, you are only requesting information, not consultation. The submittal is considered an ‘information request.’ The EcoCAT report will state whether or not state-protected resources may be in the vicinity and will list any that are. The project will not be assigned for review.

The 3rd option should only be selected by federal agencies that are required to seek comments from state fish & wildlife agencies before authorizing, funding, or performing a federal action. EcoCAT processes most of these submittals as information requests, not as consultations. Only submittals for FERC and USEDPA will be assigned to staff if resources are flagged.

If you select the 2nd or 3rd option, you will skip questions 2 and 3 on the General Information page and proceed directly to the Applicant Information page.

**Q2. Indicate the government unit and type of action that has prompted consultation.**

- **LOCAL GOVERNMENT**
  - Authorization (a unit of local government must issue a permit or other authorization)
  - Funding (a unit of local government will provide a grant, loan, or other direct support)
  - Performance (a unit of local government is performing the action, such as construction)
- **STATE AGENCY**
  - Authorization (a state agency must issue a permit or other authorization)
  - Funding (a state agency will provide a grant, loan, or other direct support)
  - Performance (a state agency is performing the action, such as construction)

Only one jurisdictional agency or government can be selected, even though multiple units of government may be involved. Note that consultation with IDNR is **NOT** an authorization. Select "IDNR" **ONLY** if IDNR is the agency issuing a permit, providing funding, or performing the proposed action.

If you choose **Local Government** you will be asked to identify the government, e.g. the City of Champaign, and to enter a local government contact name, address and phone number. There is also a box to check if the local government is a county highway or local roads department.

If you select **State Agency**, there will be a drop-down box for you to identify which agency and, if applicable, which bureau. You will also be asked to enter an agency contact name, address and phone number.

Information about the unit of government and the type of action required from that government ensures that the project receives the applicable review and is assigned to the appropriate staff.

**Q3. Will state technical assistance or funding (including federal funding through a state agency) support the project?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

If you choose "Yes" or "Don't know," the project will be reviewed for wetland impacts to comply with the Interagency Wetland Policy Act of 1989 (IWPA). You will not receive technical assistance or funding without this review. Note: compliance with Sections 401 and 404 of the federal Clean Water Act does not assure compliance with the IWPA.

After you answer the three general information questions, you will move to the section on **Applicant Information**. First, you need to indicate the applicant category to which you belong:

- Non-governmental/Individual
- Local Government
- State Agency
- Federal Agency

The individual or organization submitting the project to EcoCAT is considered the Applicant. Required information includes applicant (your company, agency, etc.), and applicant address. Phone and fax numbers for the applicant are optional.

After you have submitted a project to EcoCAT for the first time, you can click the Lookup button to automatically fill in the applicant address. However, you must enter the applicant name exactly the same way each time. For example, if you previously entered "ABC Engineering Company", remember to enter the company name in an identical manner each time. If you enter "ABC Eng. Co." or "ABC Engineers" a new entry will be made and you will have to enter the address again.

The same is true for Contact Person. The first time you enter a project you will select:

- Add New Contact

Required information includes your name, phone number and e-mail address. Any communication from IDNR (such as requests for additional information or correspondence terminating consultation) will be directed to the Contact Person at the address listed for the Applicant or the phone number listed for the Contact Person. For subsequent submittals you can choose:

- Select Existing Contact

Click your name and the information you previously entered will automatically be entered in the form.

The section on **Project Information** asks you to provide a project name, a brief description of the project, and the project address. You can also enter a non-IDNR project number here (this number will display on the EcoCAT report along with the IDNR project number). This section also asks you to indicate if the project has been submitted to IDNR previously. If it has, you should enter that IDNR project number so staff can refer to the previous consultation.

Next is **Project Location**. First you select the County where the project will be located, then the **Section, Township, and Range** of the site – commonly referred to as "TRS". (The correct Meridian will come up automatically when you click the Meridian button.) You can find the TRS - also known as the Public Land Survey System (PLSS) information - on standard legal property descriptions, on USGS topographical maps, and in plat books.

You only need to enter one section number even if the project location lies in several sections. Once you have entered the TRS, click on "Go to Map Tool." When a map of the general location of the project appears, you can either zoom in or out to find the exact location of your project (instructions are on-screen). If the map doesn't appear or is very narrow, check your screen resolution. It must be set at 1024 x 768 or higher.

Click "Draw" to begin outlining the area of your project. If the project lies in more than one section, all the sections included in the polygon will be recorded automatically and listed on the EcoCAT report. When the project is correctly outlined, click "Submit."

EcoCAT will return a report for the project that lists any resources found in the area. If no resources are in the vicinity and you have requested consultation, the report will terminate consultation and you have completed the process. If the project was submitted for consultation and protected natural resources are identified in the area, EcoCAT will assign the project to IDNR staff for further review. In either instance, make sure you have a copy of the report. To do this, click the "Print Report" button on the left side of the screen. An Acrobat dialog box will appear from which you can print and/or save the report. If the dialog box does not open, turn off all pop-up blockers or enable popups for "dnrecocat.state.il.us".



Once you have a copy of your report, you can either click the "Exit EcoCAT" button or, if you have another project to submit, you can click the "Enter Another Project" button and start the process again without having to re-enter Applicant Information.

#### How do I submit a large, linear project?

A project area up to five miles (eight kilometers) can be submitted through EcoCAT. If your project is longer than five miles, you should break it up into five-mile segments and submit them as multiple projects. When you are in the mapping tool click the "zoom out" button at the top and then click the map until you are at the map scale needed to encompass the project area. Then click the EcoCAT button and draw a polygon around the project area.

#### How do I submit a project with multiple sites?

If the proposed action is similar at each site and the sites are within one-half mile, a single polygon can be drawn around the entire area and EcoCAT will treat it as one project. The results should not differ drastically from individually considering each site. If the proposed actions vary from site to site or if the sites are located a long distance from each other, you must submit multiple consultation requests.

#### Can I submit an action that requires a Clean Air Act permit?

New Source Review and Prevention of Significant Deterioration actions should still be submitted to the Department on an Agency Action Report. However, we encourage those seeking a permit for a major emission source to submit an Information Request during project planning.

#### What if more than one level of government or more than one agency is involved in a project?

A submission to EcoCAT can indicate only one jurisdictional Agency or Government. However, because every Agency or Government has unique powers and authorities, each unit of government which will authorize, fund, or perform a proposed action has a legal obligation to consult the Department under Part 1075. Therefore an EcoCAT submission should be made for each Agency or Local Government involved in the action when EcoCAT indicates a protected natural resource exists in the vicinity.

When multiple agencies or governments are involved, they have the option, under Part 1075, of designating one of themselves to act as the "lead agency" for purposes of consultation. Even if no "lead agency" is designated, once the Department becomes aware multiple agencies or governments are involved the Department will attempt to coordinate the resulting consultations.

If EcoCAT indicates no protected resources are known in the vicinity, a copy of the EcoCAT report may be accepted by Agencies or Governments as an indication the consultation requirement has been satisfied; however, each Agency or Government may choose to consult directly.

#### What is "federal agency coordination?"

Many federal agencies are required to seek the comments and opinions of state fish & wildlife agencies before authorizing, funding, or performing a federal action. EcoCAT can provide information on state-listed endangered or threatened species, wetlands, and Natural Areas. The reviews provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are based on historic ranges of species, and are limited to federally listed T&E species.

## Who has to consult under the Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act and the Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act?

State agencies or units of local government must consult the Department about proposed actions that they will authorize, fund or perform. Private parties do not have to consult, but they are liable for prohibited taking of state-listed plants or animals or for adversely modifying a Nature Preserve or a Land & Water Reserve.

Home rule governments may delegate this responsibility, through duly enacted ordinances, to the parties seeking authorization or funding of the action.

## Who MAY consult?

Developers, consultants, planners, and others frequently consult regarding tentative projects to determine the presence or absence of natural resource issues. The Department encourages such consultation as most effective, most economical, and least disruptive.

## What actions require consultation?

Any action that will change existing environmental conditions, i.e. anything that disturbs the land, water, or air. Examples include:

- construction
- discharge of pollutants or application of chemicals into the air, water, or land
- dredging any naturally occurring materials
- re-zoning from a non-urban classification to an urban classification (e.g. from agricultural to residential) or a change from one urban classification to another on land not used in its entirety for the original classification
- subdivision and other development plans
- infrastructure alterations (utilities, roads, sewers)
- land management
- alteration, removal, excavation or plowing of non-farmed, non-cultivated areas
- altering existing topography
- annexations
- parks, stream, or lake modifications

## What actions are exempt from consultation?

Unless it is evident that they could directly or indirectly affect an endangered or threatened species or a Natural Area, the following actions are exempt from consultation:

- mowing within maintained highway rights-of-way
- routine resurfacing and application of oil and gravel to existing roads
- maintenance or repair of existing structures
- actions under a Department-approved management plan undertaken to maintain or improve natural ecosystem conditions or to re-establish pre-settlement vegetation conditions (such as prescribed burns, spot application of herbicides or brush clearing)
- maintenance of existing lawns, yards, and ornamental plantings
- routine cultivation of agricultural lands
- change of zoning requests for land currently zoned, developed, and used in its entirety for commercial, industrial, or residential purposes

### How is consultation enforced?

The consultation requirement may be enforced through a writ of mandamus, which may be sought by any "affected" person from the circuit court with jurisdiction.

### What are the consequences of NOT consulting?

- destruction of irreplaceable natural resources
- negative public relations and potential civil litigation
- injunctive action, civil penalties, seizure of property, or criminal prosecution

### How does IDNR evaluate proposed actions that are in the vicinity of protected resources?

Based on the nature of the proposed action and the nature of the protected resource, staff will assess the character of the potential adverse impacts and whether an adverse impact is likely. For listed species, the assessment is based on the life requirements of the species. The assessment for Natural Areas and Nature Preserves is much broader, based on potential impacts to natural communities and the unique features of the Site or Preserve.

### How Can I Make Consultation Effective?

- Plan proactively.
- Coordinate planning and development with other municipalities and governments.
- Know the natural resource issues in your area.
- Modernize zoning and subdivision ordinances to enable your government to impose natural resource protection measures.
- Incorporate resource protection measures into formal and enforceable agreements, permits, contracts, etc.
- Enforce ordinances, regulations, permit terms, and contract provisions.
- Educate officials, developers, consultants, and the general public about natural resources and laws protecting them.

### What does consultation NOT do?

- It does not result in permits of any kind. Permits must be obtained from the respective regulatory agency.
- It does not satisfy the requirements of the federal Endangered Species Protection Act of 1972 and implementing regulations.
- It cannot prohibit or prevent a proposed action.
- It does not preempt, override, reduce or interfere with the powers of local governments or State agencies.
- It does not address impacts to natural resources which do not enjoy protected status, except to the extent they entail cumulative indirect adverse effects to protected resources.
- It cannot protect or conserve listed species, Natural Areas, or Nature Preserves without the active participation and cooperation of agency and local officials.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**KENDALL COUNTY**  
**\*\*KENDALL COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION\*\***  
**\*\*KENDALL COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS\*\***

Notice is hereby given that the Kendall County Regional Planning Commission will hold a public meeting on \_\_\_\_\_ at 7:00 p.m. and the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on \_\_\_\_\_ at 7:00 p.m. at the Kendall County Office Building, Room 209 & 210 at 111 West Fox Street, Yorkville, IL.

The purpose of this meeting and hearing is to consider comments and make a recommendation regarding Petition # \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name(s) of Applicant)  
is/are seeking to \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Description of Request)  
The property is located at \_\_\_\_\_, is identified by Parcel Identification Number \_\_\_\_\_ and is legally described in Exhibit "A" attached.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address or Physical Location)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Insert Parcel Identification Number)  
This petition and related documents may be reviewed at the Planning, Building and Zoning Department, Room 203, 111 West Fox Street, Yorkville, IL 60560 or the Kendall County Website: <http://www.kendallcountyiil.gov/departments/planning-building-zoning/petitions>. Questions can be directed to the same department at phone number (630) 553-4139.

All interested persons may attend and be heard. Written testimony should be directed to the Department but shall only be entered as part of the record at the discretion of the Kendall County Regional Planning Commission and Kendall County Zoning Board of Appeals.

If special accommodations or arrangements are needed to attend this County meeting, please contact the Administration Office at 630-553-4171, a minimum of 24-hours prior to the meeting time.

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Name(s) of Applicant

**(ATTACH LEGAL DESCRIPTION ON A SEPARATE PAGE)**