



# 2025-2026 Annual Safety Hazard & Transportation Eligibility Review



# Why Safety Hazard Reviews Matter

- Required by Illinois Law (105 ILCS 5/29-3) to ensure safety
- Identifies hazards to justify transportation for students living within 1.5 miles of school, using an ISBE point system, ensuring compliance with state guidelines and annual reevaluation

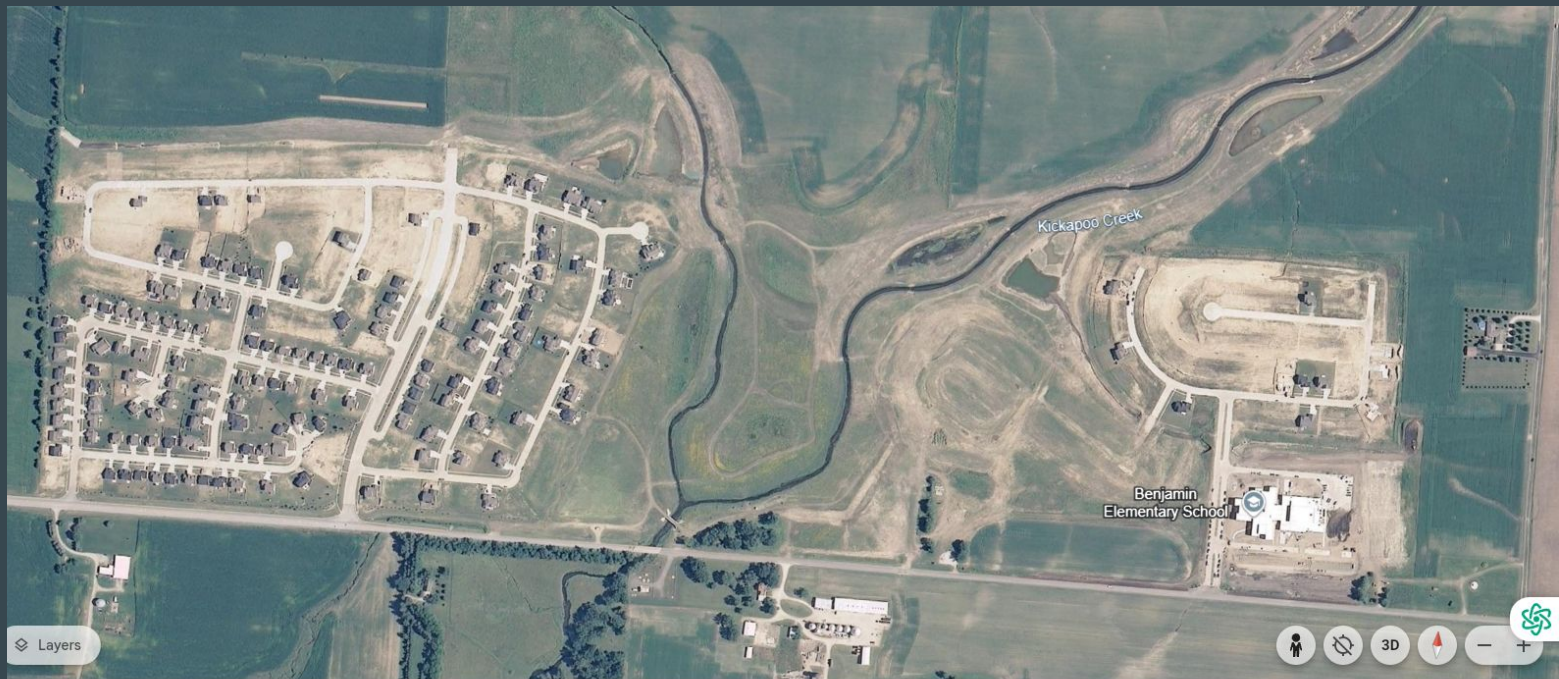
# Transportation Under 1.5 Miles: Why it Matters?

- Permitted when serious safety hazards exist (ISBE point system, Illinois Law)
- Annual review ensures current conditions are assessed, as changes in sidewalks, signage, and neighborhood can alter risk

# Fiscal Responsibility

- Unit 5 has a \$2M transportation deficit
- State reimbursement is prorated
  - FY26 estimate is 71% general transportation and 61% special transportation
- Removing outdated hazard zones helps financial sustainability

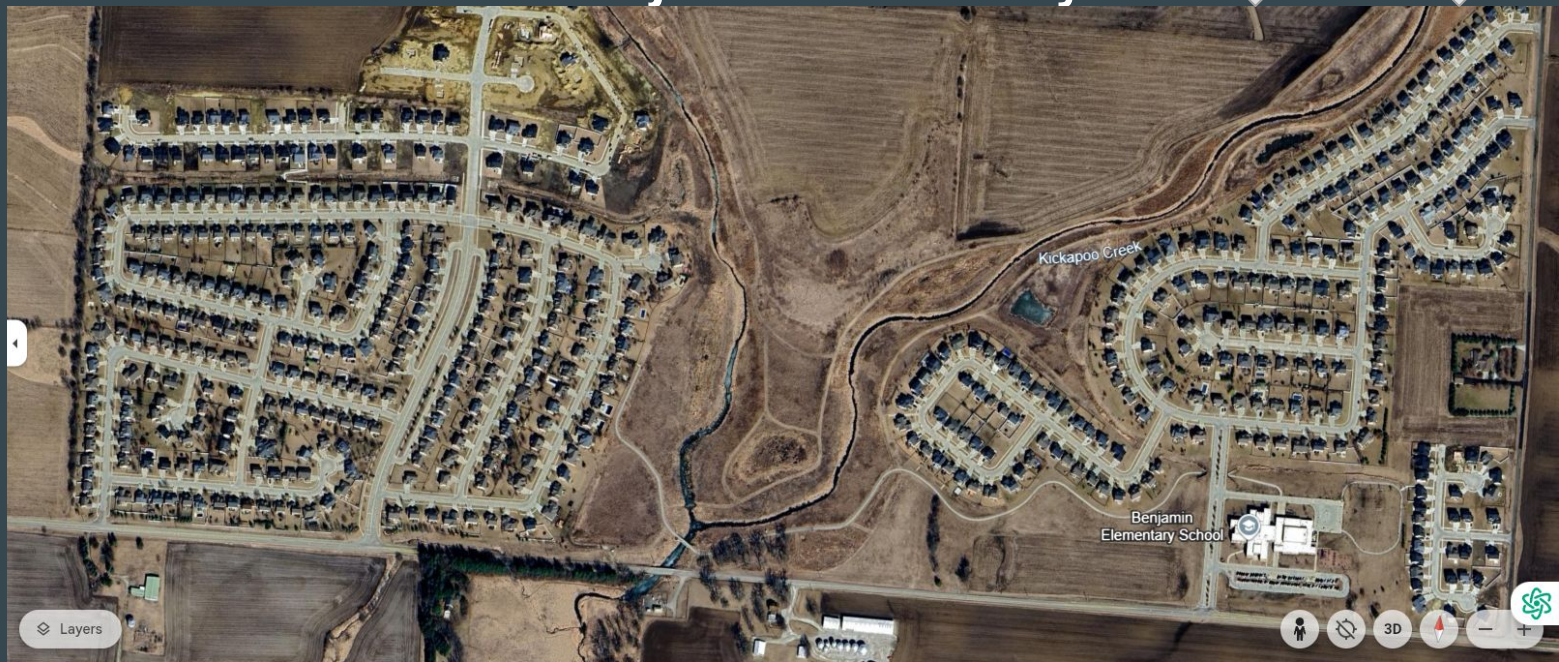




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Benjamin Elementary

↓ 2025 ↓



# 2025-2026 Identified Hazard Zones

- Elementary: Carlock, Cedar Ridge, Fairview, Fox Creek, Glenn, Northpoint, Parkside, Pepper Ridge, Towanda
- Junior High: Kingsley, Chiddix, Evans
- Hazards include rail crossings, lack of sidewalks, and high-traffic areas

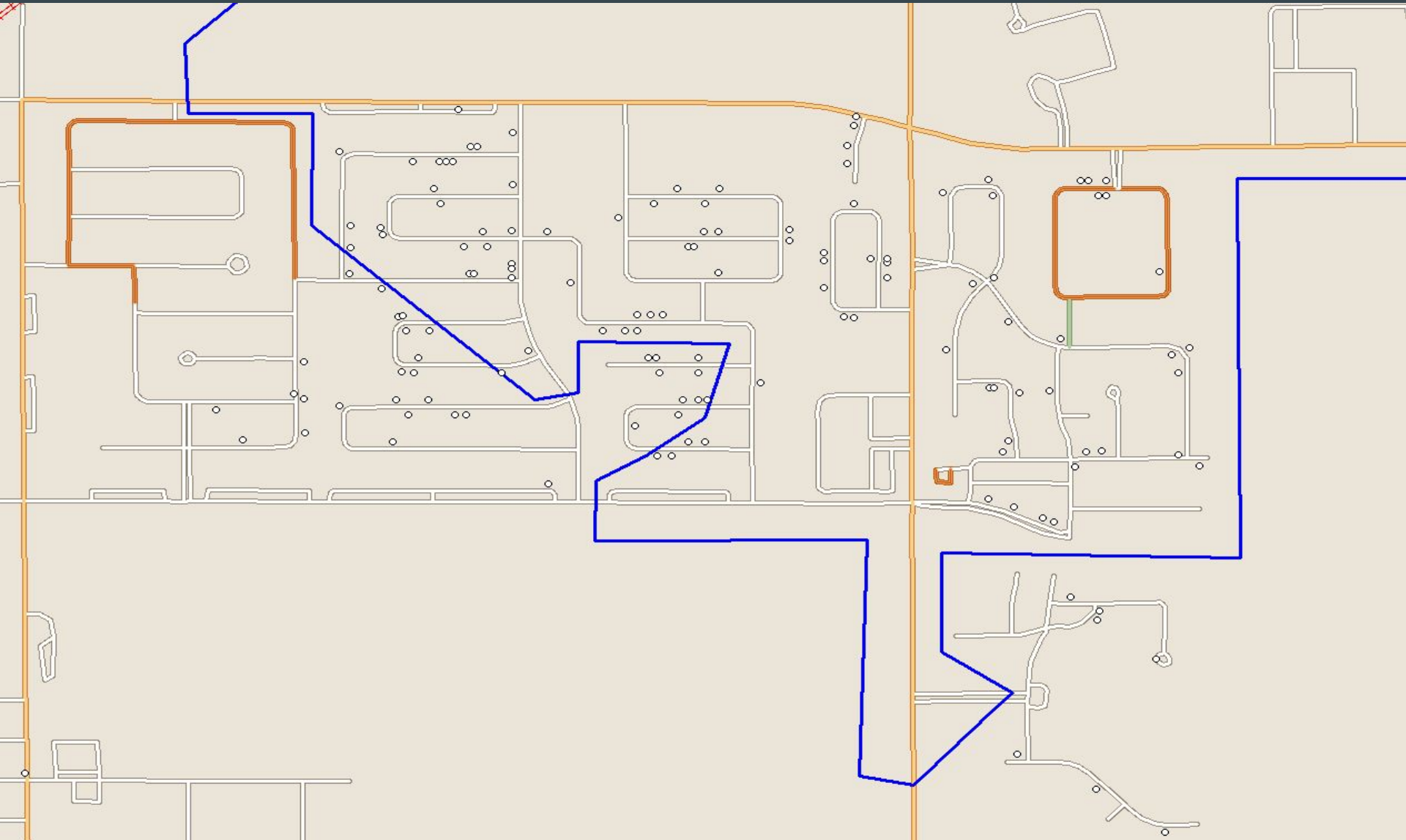
# Changes for 2025-2026

- Normal Community High School: Sidewalk improvements now completed
- Grove Elementary: Neighborhood sidewalks completed



# NCHS Walk Zone

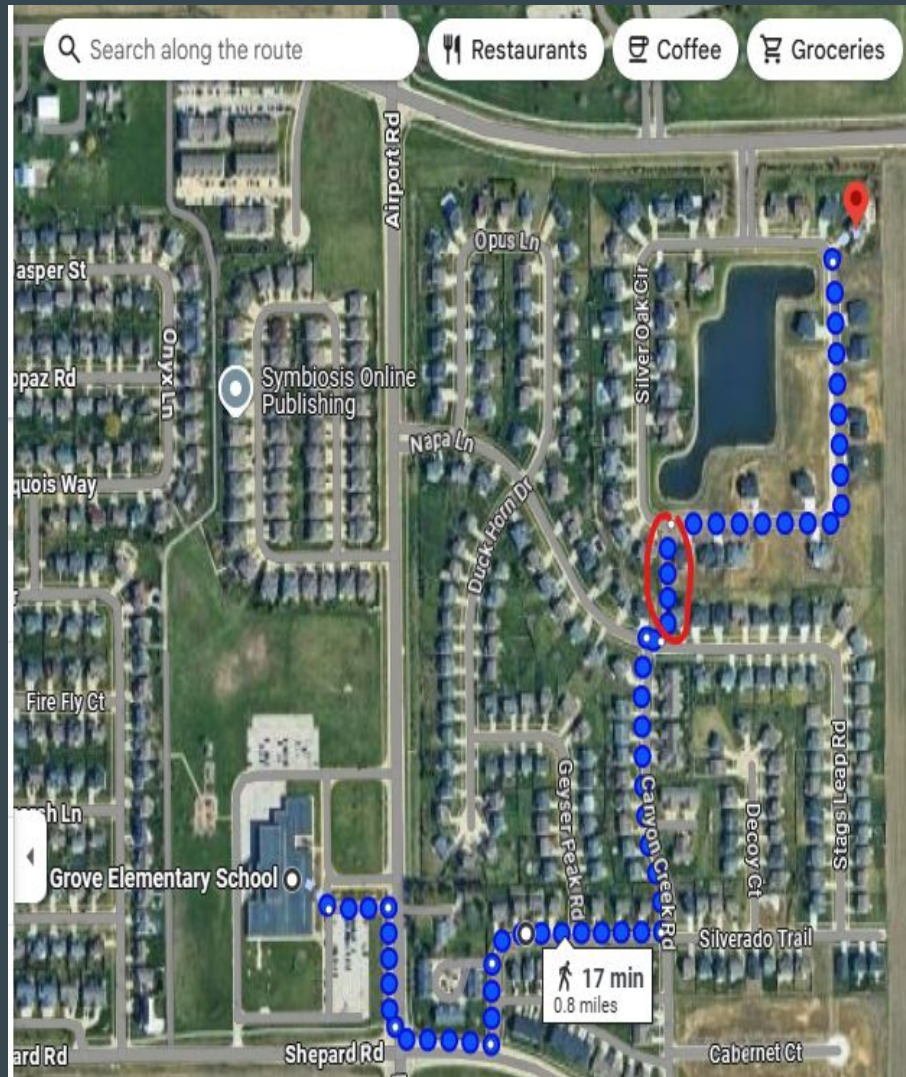
Updated boundary reflects improved sidewalk access





# New Sidewalk for Grove Elementary

## Silver Oak now has sidewalk access to Grove



# Communications Plan

- June - August 2025: Notify Families, Admin, Counselors, Front Offices
  - District and school communication channels

# Summary

- Annual safety hazard review
  - Ensures safety for students and promotes fiscal responsibility
  - Changes for 25-26
    - Safe pathways near NCHS and Grove Elementary