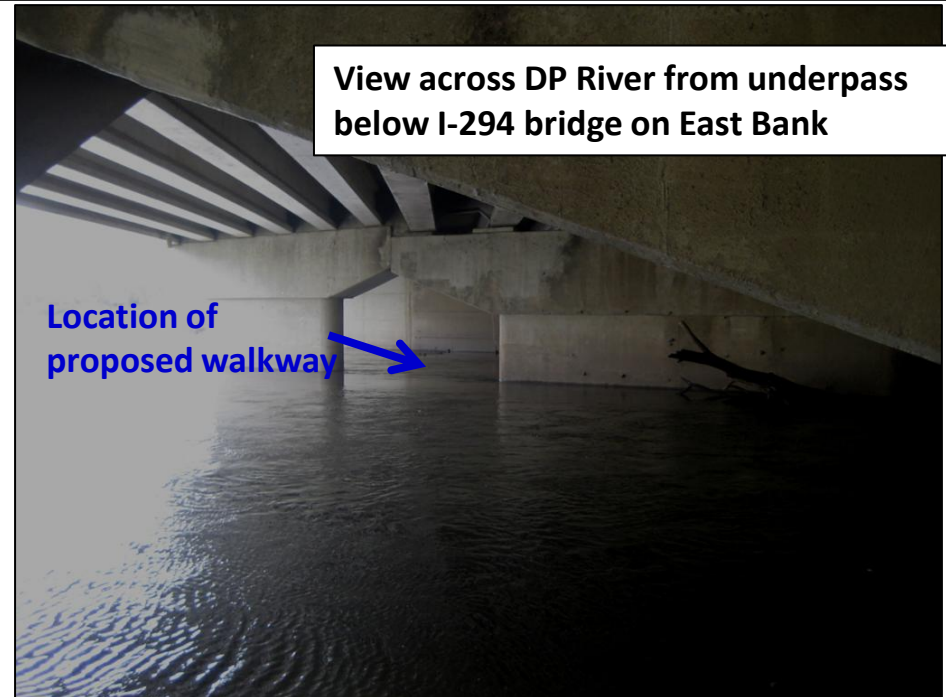
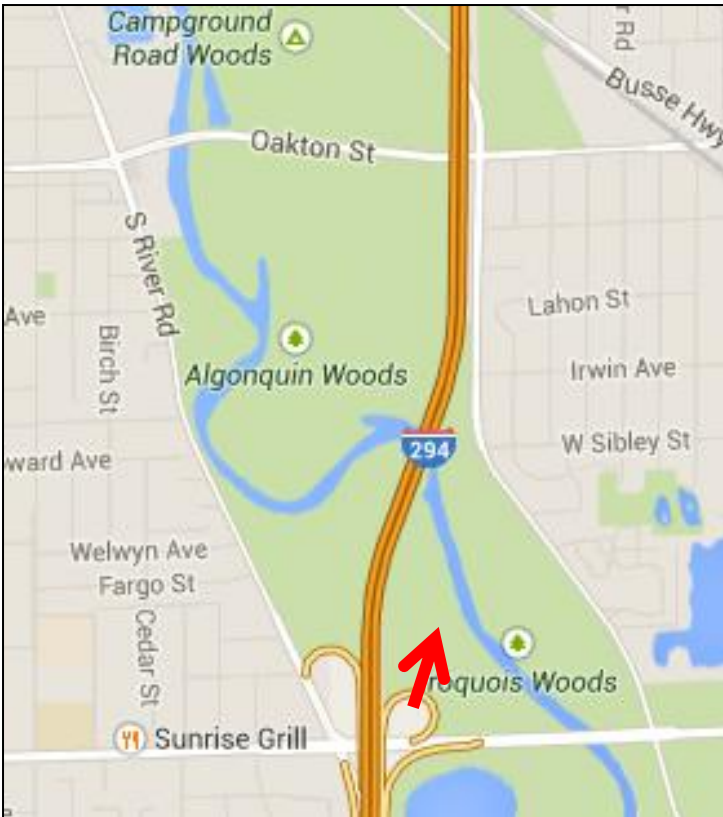


Recreational Use on West Bank of Des Plaines River

The River trail on the East bank of the Des Plaines River is a great asset serving many communities which lie on the river.

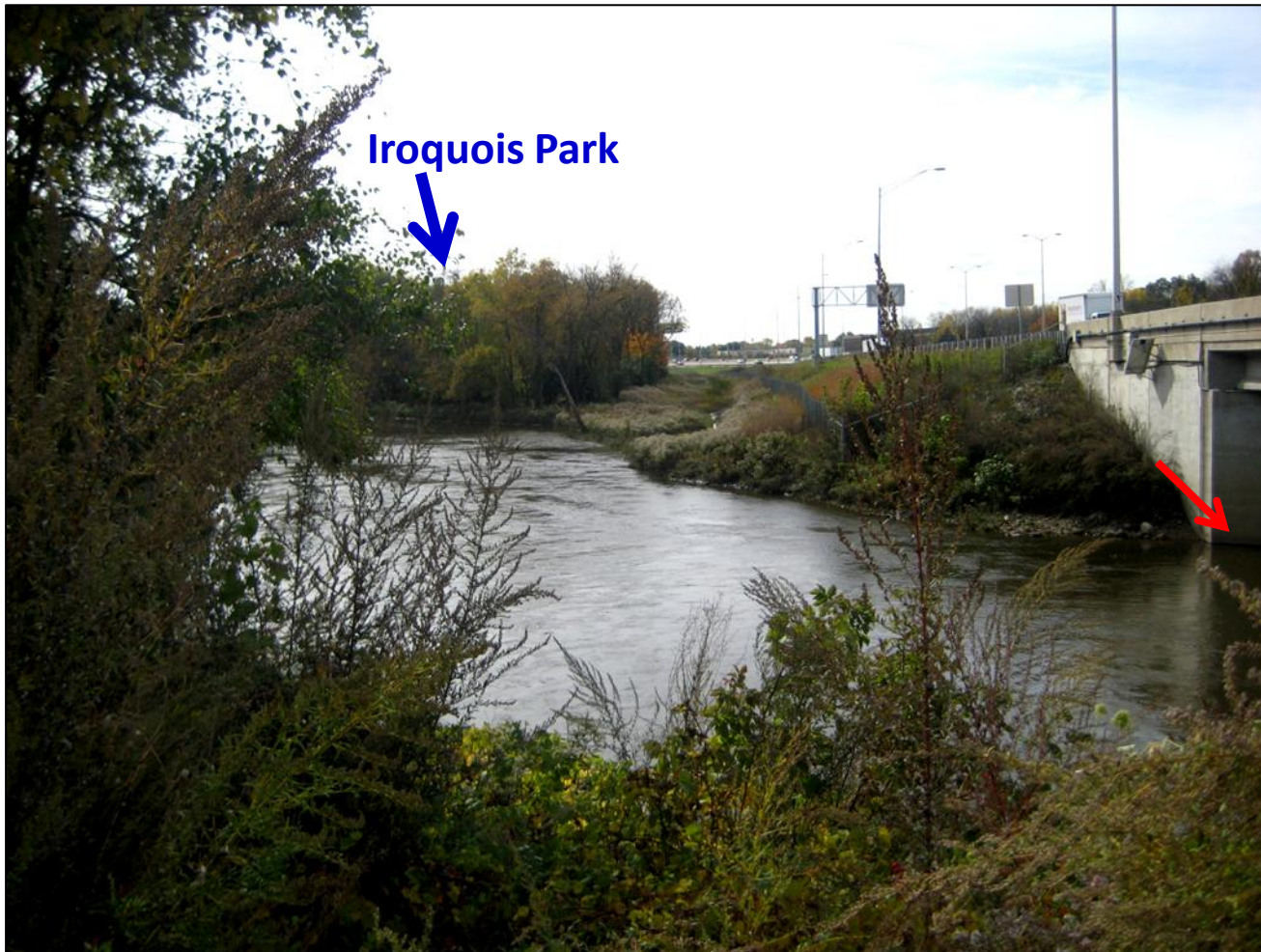
The West bank in Des Plaines is mostly residential, except for the portion South of Oakton St. However, the West bank is much less utilized since it is not possible to walk along it without encountering the barrier presented by I-294. The East bank has an underpass where I-294 crosses the river, allowing River Trail users uninterrupted access. The portion of Iroquois Woods West of the river and East of I-294 (arrow at left) is effectively stranded. By building a walkway into the concrete on the East side of the underpass, bikes and pedestrians could use the West bank, which would then be a continuous park through the Isaac Walton League all the way north to Oakton St.



View across DP River from underpass below I-294 bridge on East Bank

Location of proposed walkway

Another view from east of the river, south of the bridge. Iroquois Park is south and east of the tollway as indicated . It is cut off from other park land north of the I-294 bridge. A pedestrian walkway under the bridge on the west bank of the river would create a significant benefit for recreational use. Red arrow indicates location of proposed walkway.



View of I-294 bridge from south, standing at north end of Iroquois Park, on west bank of DP River. Proposed walkway would allow crossing I-294 under the bridge along the west bank (at arrow).

