

A Historical Note



A 1927 15D route marker originally installed on Lake Street in Grayslake is now on display at the Lake County DOT offices

*I*n 1937, Lake County delivered to the State of Illinois, for maintenance, the newly-constructed 1.6 mile long, 18-foot wide Big Hollow Road in rural unincorporated Grant township. This was in accordance with the “15D” section of the motor fuel tax laws. These laws stated that if a county built a road in concrete, it went to the state for maintenance. The county built a large part of what is now the state highway system within Lake County. Some roads that were built by the county and turned over to the state include portions of Grand Avenue, Sheridan Road, and State Route 134. Since its original construction, Big Hollow Road has been modernized to a 36-foot wide, 3-lane highway. On July 18, 2000, after 63 years, the Lake County Division of Transportation assumed jurisdiction of Big Hollow Road from the McHenry County line to U.S. Rte. 12 once again.