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Waukegan planning board endorses plans for tent-like temporary casino

Full House Resorts successfully took its first official step with the city of Waukegan toward opening its temporary American Place casino in July, and its permanent resort within three years, since the City Council endorsed it as one of three applicants for the project with the Illinois Gaming Board in 2019. The Waukegan Planning & Zoning Commission unanimously recommended the council approve the site plan for the temporary American Place casino during a public hearing Thursday at City Hall, imposing conditions which drew no objections from Full House. [Read](#)

Community Ask: How much does Illinois earn in lottery tickets per year, and where do those proceeds go?

Education is the lottery's beneficiary, but how much does it really benefit?

So where do lottery profits go?

The short answer: Public education is the primary beneficiary of lottery proceeds, though a small amount is distributed to **capital projects** and special causes, such as the Special Olympics. However, the lottery is not the windfall for education many people think it is.

The lottery generated nearly \$2 billion in revenue from July 2021 to January 2022, according to lottery data. About 25% is transferred to "good causes," [per the lottery's website](#).

As of January 2022, the Illinois Lottery transferred \$420.86 million to

the Common School Fund and \$5.63 million to specialty causes for this fiscal year, said Meghan Powers, the Illinois Lottery communications director. [Read](#)

Only \$420.86 million went to schools out of \$2 billion!!!!

Gaming Board Gives First Approval for a Danville Casino

The casino industry in Illinois continues to expand. Six new casinos are planned to open here in the future, including one in the city of Danville. New reports have just surfaced claiming that the Illinois Gaming Board has given further approval for this Danville casino. [Read](#)

Palos Heights again considers video gaming as terminals pop up in neighboring towns, but opposition persists

It's an argument that has gone on for 10 years and has invoked the names of Al Capone and Norman Rockwell as well as the film "The Last of the Mohicans." It's an issue that residents and business owners are passionate about. [Read](#)

A casino on Chicago's lakefront? That's a deadly gamble for birds.

The lakefront and skyline are what Chicago is known for. They make flying into Chicago a romantic experience — watching Lake Michigan's blue waters and beaches give way to the park, into imposing glass and steel skyscrapers, and finally, the neighborhoods that made us the City of the Big Shoulders. But planes aren't alone in the city's airspace — Chicago is a vital flyway for migrating birds making the journey between South America and Canada. Over 5 million migratory birds pass through the city each year. With the impending decision on where to house a proposed casino in the city, imagine what flying into Chicago would look like with a casino on the lakefront: bright lights emanating from the shores. For wildlife like birds, this decision is a matter of life and death. Chicago is the most dangerous city in North America for migrating birds, according to the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, and McCormick Place's Lakeside Center is documented as one of the worst buildings in the city for bird mortality. Birds are attracted to city lights; they then collide with glass on buildings because it is either transparent or mirrors a clear sky. [Read](#)

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