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Super 'sub' to get Sugar Grove sendoff

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SUGAR GROVE -- The black-on-orange road sign says it all: Gordon Road is closed.

Yet the road's closure also marks an opening of sorts -- the start of work on the largest residential subdivision ever attempted in Sugar Grove. It also might be one of the largest municipal annexations in Kane County history.

Officials of Kimball Hill Homes are expected to join with Sugar Grove dignitaries Friday to celebrate the official kickoff of Settlers Ridge with a groundbreaking. In actuality, earth moving operations have been going on for the past two months.

The subdivision is expected to double the village's current population of about 7,000, according to village President Sean Michels.

"This is one of the largest residential land acquisitions (in the Chicago area) in recent years," real estate broker Greg Pacelli said Wednesday.

Pacelli and another official of Colliers Bennett & Kahnweiler Inc., Mark Dolemba, arranged for the sale of 850 acres of land in Sugar Grove and Aurora to Kimball Hill Homes. The developer will build the subdivision, which when completed years from now is expected to sprawl over an estimated 1,600 acres in the two communities.

"This is going to provide an economic boom for Sugar Grove," Pacelli said. "With the rooftops will come commercial and retail developments, which is sales tax dollars to the village, but you need the rooftops first."

Gordon Lane is the dividing line between Aurora and Sugar Grove in Settlers Ridge, Pacelli said. The northern border of the property is Galena Boulevard, in an area adjacent to the Route 56