



April 2014

Dear Elmwood Park Residents,

As Village President, I am pleased to announce that Elmwood Park's Flood Mitigation Project and a number of other important infrastructure projects are now underway or scheduled to begin soon.

As a result of the work completed last year, the Flood Mitigation Project has already begun to produce benefits within the community. In fact, construction has already resumed on the Storm Sewer and Detention Reservoir (Area 2) project and is anticipated to be completed by mid-May.

In 2014 we plan to complete a majority of the remaining phases of the Flood Mitigation Project. We are all anxiously anticipating the benefits that will be felt throughout the community as a result of this project. By reducing the frequency and duration of sewer back up and flooding throughout Elmwood Park we are certain that the quality of life will be improved for all Village residents. However, in order to achieve this, we must endure yet another year of construction. As we prepare to complete the remaining scope of the Flood Mitigation Project, the following projects are scheduled this year:

- **The Storm Sewer Connector Project (Area 5).** This project involves connecting the 84-inch diameter storm sewer that was installed through the Oak Park Country Club to the storm sewer that was installed on 80th Avenue. This project is planned to begin very shortly and is projected to be completed by this fall.
- **The Westwood Area Storm Sewer Project (Area 4).** This project will involve the separation of the combined sewers, installation of new water mains, and new asphalt surfacing of roads throughout the Westwood Subdivision Area. This work is scheduled to begin in June and involves construction along each of the lateral streets that connect to 80th Avenue. In an effort to ease congestion throughout the area and provide for sufficient on-street parking, consecutive streets will not be worked on concurrently. This will hinder the construction schedule some, but we feel the benefits that this affords the affected residents are worthwhile. By Thanksgiving, we anticipate 75% of the Westwood Area will be completed. The remaining streets that are not completed in 2014 will be completed in 2015. These streets will likely include Sunset, Cressett, Birchdale and Westwood. Construction limits for each street will vary in length (see construction project area maps included herein) and will not be without its inconveniences to the surrounding residents and commuters. With this notice, we hope to provide ample time for those affected to plan and prepare for the expected effects on traffic and parking.
- **Thatcher Avenue Storm Sewer Project (Area 6).** This project consists of connecting the storm sewer lines from the newly constructed Pump Station to the Des Plaines River via Thatcher Avenue. In addition to the new sewers, Thatcher Avenue will be completely reconstructed to provide curb and gutters on both sides as well as dedicated parking spaces along the east side. The project also involves the construction of a decorative floodwall along the west side of Thatcher that will prevent Des Plaines River overbanking and reaching residences within the Village. This project will end up removing nearly fifty (50) residences from the flood plain.

In addition to the Flood Mitigation Project, you will also see a number of other new construction projects throughout the Village this year. All of these projects will bring broad reaching benefits to the residents of Elmwood Park. These projects include:

2014 Street Rehabilitation Project

This year's street rehabilitation project will be unlike street resurfacing projects of past years. This May throughout the south end of the Village, we will resurface over 10 miles of roadways. (Please refer to the map on page 4). The street rehabilitation project consists of street resurfacing, sidewalk improvements at intersections, curb and gutter repairs where needed, and replacement of alley aprons. Next year, the Village intends to complete a similar project in the north end of the Village.

Grand Avenue Metra Pick-Up/Drop-Off Project

This project involves the construction of a pick-up/drop-off area and an expanded pedestrian way to facilitate access to the Metra station and encourage use of public transportation. It will feature a semi-circle drive and vehicle pick-up/drop-off lanes for access to and from Grand Avenue. Bike racks and sidewalk improvements will create safe pedestrian access and encourage bicycle travel to the station. New signage including a roadside monument and an arched gateway for pedestrian pass-through will be constructed. Landscaping and decorative lighting will also be included. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of summer

The IDOT IL-64 (North Ave) Bridge over Des Plaines Avenue

The Illinois Department of Transportation is working to replace the Illinois Route 64 (North Avenue) bridge over the Des Plaines River. The purpose of the project is to enhance safety and improve traffic over the Des Plaines River. The project involves raising the profile of North Avenue and enlarging the waterway opening to provide for hydraulic improvements to the River as well. Throughout construction, portions of North Avenue and Thatcher Avenue will be closed and traffic will be detoured accordingly. Work is anticipated to begin this June and is scheduled to be completed by June 26, 2015. The Village will continue to keep the residents informed of the construction schedule, progress, and traffic detours as the information is obtained.

Please prepare now for significant construction in the summer and fall months.

These projects will not move forward without their inconveniences, particularly for those who live near construction zones. Residents in these areas will be affected by road closures, parking restrictions, shifts in traffic flow, and detours. We will continue to monitor and make adjustments to support access and traffic flow, and welcome your comments and suggestions.

Construction progress and updates will be made available throughout the duration of the project.

In addition to planned, periodic communication to residents via our community newsletter, water bill inserts, Village-wide mailings, e-news, Facebook, Twitter, and Blackboard Connect, we have set up a special area on our website where project information will be posted.

- **FMP Project Information Center:** Visit the official FMP Project Information Center housed on the Village website at www.elmwoodpark.org where information about the FMP will be available and updated regularly, including construction progress, changes and/or delays.
- **Whom to Contact with Questions and Concerns:** Residents can contact the Village at 708-452-3914 or email village@elmwoodpark.org.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation and patience as we work together to improve our Village.

Sincerely



Angelo "Skip" Saviano
Village President

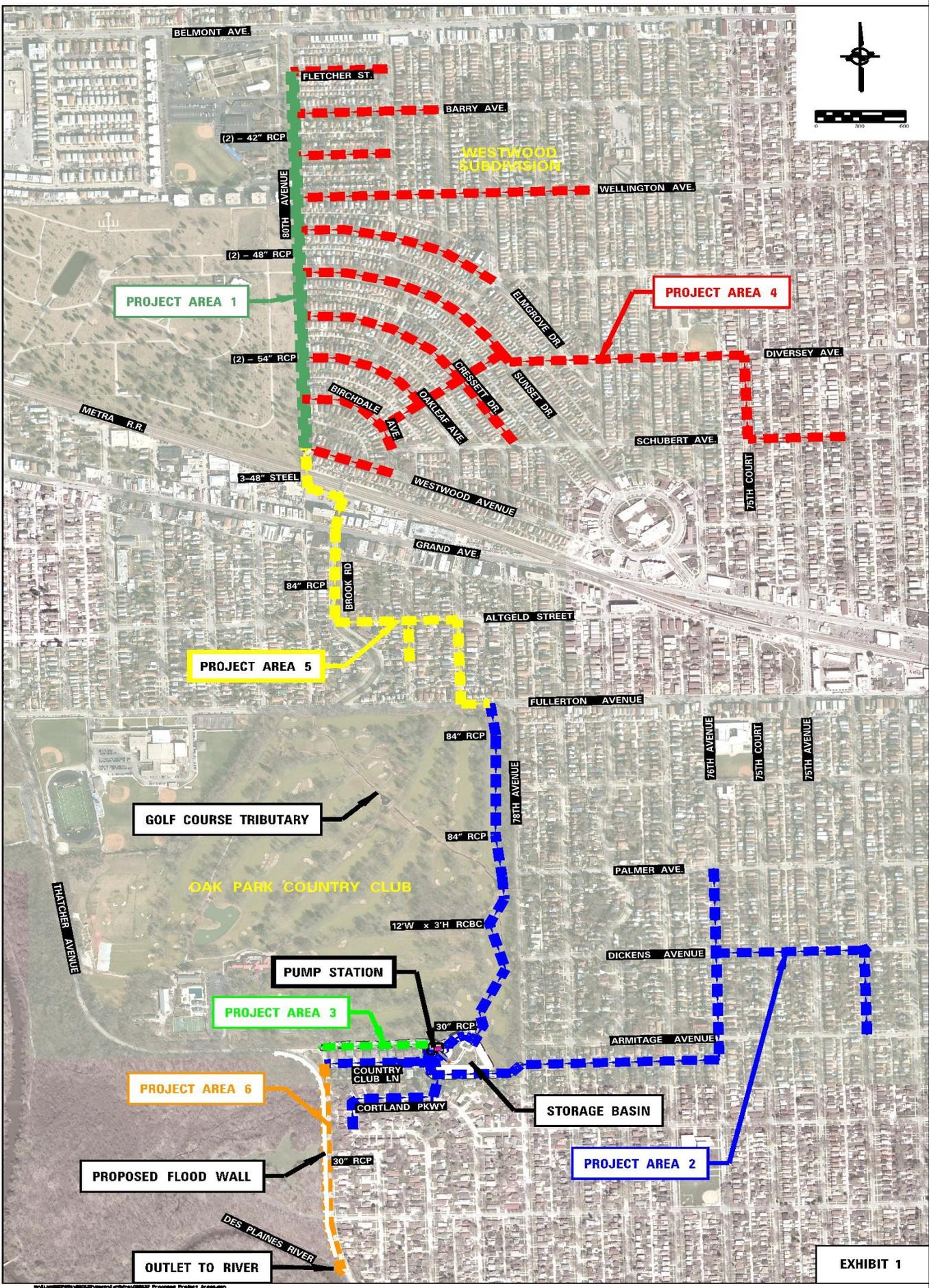
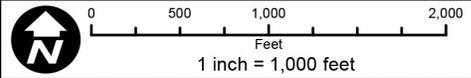


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Village of
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