



FLOOD PROTECTION ASSISTANCE

The Village of Winnetka is a designated flood plain community. The Engineering Division and Sewer Division within the Public Works Department provides the community with one-on-one advice about property protection, with respect to drainage, flooding, sewer management and maintenance issues, and any available funding for making necessary repairs.

If you have any questions regarding drainage, flooding, flood plain, sewer management or sewer maintenance, or would like to schedule an on-site visit, please contact the noted Village staff for assistance:

Engineering (Drainage and Flooding Issues, Flood Plain Questions, Sewer Management):

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Sewer Maintenance:

Mike Rivard, Sewer Foreman; mrivard@winnetka.org (847)716-3264)

In response to the July 23, 2016 flood event, the Village Council reinstated the Sanitary Sewer Backflow Prevention Reimbursement Program. The initial reinstatement included \$50,000. However, due to widespread interest due to the scope of flooding, those monies quickly were utilized, prompting the Council to allocate an additional \$50,000 to the program. The Sanitary Sewer Backflow Prevention Program, which was originally implemented in 2006, but was defunded on March 5, 2013. The Prevention Program is offered by the Village to owners of single-family homes constructed prior to 1970 (when the Village began to require installation of overhead sewers in new construction). Those meeting the eligibility requirements can apply for reimbursement of a portion of the costs to install either an anti-back-up device or overhead sewer. Since program's reinstatement, the Village had processed 34 participants through the Program with the funding, and has approximately 46 people on the waiting list for additional funding.