



# VILLAGE OF WINNETKA

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March 24, 2016

Dear Resident:

In 2014, the Village of Winnetka participated in the development of a "Water Solutions Project" lead by Baxter and Woodman. This project had been funded by an "IKE" Grant administered by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The focus of the grant was on community planning to address the needs and issues of the population groups most significantly impacted by the 2008 floods associated with Hurricane Ike. The Water Solutions Project was a series of four pilot studies in three communities and a template that was to be used for future studies. Winnetka's participation role in the study was the investigation of flooding along Boal Parkway.

The Boal Parkway Study Area includes 18 single family residential dwellings on large lots averaging approximately 21,700 square feet, plus portions of seven more lots adjacent to the study area. The study area is drained by two storm sewer outlets that both drain to the East Diversion Ditch: a 24-inch pipe running through the rear yards of properties along Boal Parkway and Sumac Lane; and a 12-inch pipe carrying the drainage from Boal Parkway. When the water surface in the East Diversion Ditch rises, the flow of the stormwater is reduced or blocked by tailwater at both storm sewer outlets resulting in yard and street flooding.

The Village sought proposals and statements of qualifications from qualified engineering firms to provide professional engineering services for the design and construction of a new Storm Water Pump Station to service Boal Parkway; On March 1, 2016 the Village Council selected the Engineering firm HR Green, Inc. HR Green will act as consulting engineers in the design, construction and oversight of the project. **Beginning April 4<sup>th</sup>** representatives from HR Green will be onsite gathering field information to assist with the development of the engineering plans. This work is expected to take no more than a few days to complete however residents may see utility location flags placed on/near their property. Homeowners will have access to their property at all time and residents do not need to be present as this information is collected.

The Village appreciates the community's support and cooperation as we develop this project. If you have questions or concerns about the project please feel free to contact me directly at 847-716-3261 or via email: [jbernahl@winnetka.org](mailto:jbernahl@winnetka.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James J. Bernahl".

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