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Dear Resident:

The Village's work to identify solutions that deliver relief to homeowners who suffer from flooding following significant rainstorms is continuing on several fronts. As we continue the dialogue with the community and the work towards a feasible solution moves forward, now is a good time to provide you with this brief update on our progress.



Taking a fresh look at alternate solutions

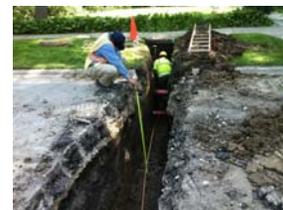
Based on community input and a desire to more fully explore all potential solutions, the Village Council authorized the search for an engineering firm that will take a fresh look at non-tunneling options that may incorporate drainage basins on the west side of the Village. Given this direction, the Village issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) last week seeking qualified engineering firms to drive that process.

The RFP seeks a firm that will revisit the feasibility and cost estimates of so-called "western options" and provide creative suggestions that incorporate both green and grey infrastructure improvements. Continuing the Village's commitment to engaging the community proactively and transparently, the RFP requires qualified firms to design and implement a "robust public participation component" in order to incorporate community input, suggestions and ideas into its recommendations.

The Village expects to identify a qualified firm next month, with the goal of beginning evaluation and public engagement this fall.

Progress on projects underway

Our work on other projects to help us better manage stormwater is continuing in several neighborhoods. Most notably, the Northwest Winnetka (Greenwood/Forest Glen) Stormwater Improvement, which began in March, is moving steadily along, with the contractor continuing to install storm sewer along Tower Road. Soon area residents who have been patient with the significant construction will also see work begin on restoration and erosion control at the Forest Preserve Pond.



Throughout the summer, work has been progressing on the Village's sanitary sewer system as well—including sanitary sewer manhole rehabilitation and sewer relining at various locations throughout the community. Finally, all necessary controls and equipment have been received, allowing underground construction to commence on the Ash Street Pump Station. This project is expected to be completed in July.

Independent evaluation of Willow Road Stormwater Tunnel & Area Drainage Improvements (STADI) project costs and permitting application underway

As progress is made on other stormwater management components, work continues on an independent evaluation of the STADI costs and submittal of permits to environmental agencies.

In order to verify the accuracy of increased cost estimates for construction of the Willow Road Tunnel, the Village hired V3 Companies to perform an independent cost review of the construction cost estimate that was submitted as part of Review Point #2 in late April. Village staff has asked V3 Companies to be prepared to present its findings to the community in August. Following this presentation, the Village will seek input from V3 on how best to proceed with a value engineering exercise, which will help determine whether there are ways to deliver a solution that is more affordable.

Meanwhile, MWH, the Village's engineering firm tasked with formulating a design for the STADI project, is preparing the necessary permit applications with the goal of submitting them to relevant oversight agencies this fall. Expecting a lengthy permitting process, Village Council and staff agreed that permit applications should be prepared even as cost evaluation and exploration of alternate options takes place.

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Thank you for taking the time to review our progress. Your continued involvement is a crucial component to identifying a solution to that is affordable, environmentally sensitive and effective.

For complete and up-to-date information on stormwater mitigation, visit the Village's dedicated [Stormwater Management Program website](#).



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