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*Keep an eye out for a special Winnetka Report – coming in mid-April – dedicated to the Village's Downtown Master Plan process!*

# THE WINNETKA REPORT

## Winnetka

Stormwater  
Alternatives  
Study

## VISION PHASE WORKSHOP

Please join us

Tuesday, April 12, 2016 • 7:00 PM  
Washburne Middle School Theater • 515 Hibbard Road

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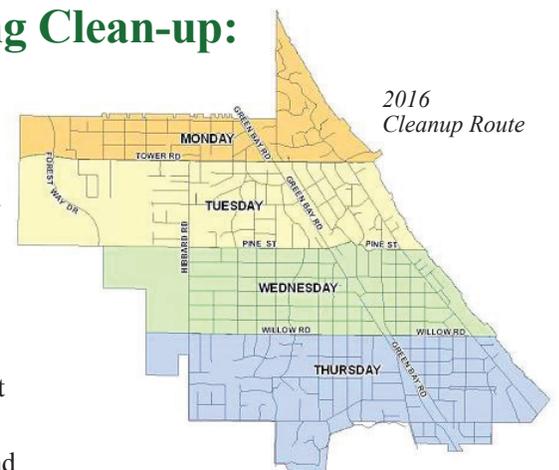
The Village's consultant, Strand Associates, will present proposed concepts and estimated costs for a series of stormwater improvements to address persistent and long-standing stormwater flooding in western and southwestern Winnetka at the **Washburne School Theater at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12**. This is the third step in a public engagement process to ensure that the citizens of Winnetka have ample opportunity to participate in identifying, developing, refining and ultimately adopting a flood risk reduction program of creative, cost-effective westward-looking improvements.

Strand is taking a holistic approach to this project, evaluating a variety of grey and green infrastructure approaches, conveyance, detention, *continued on page 6*

## 2016 Annual Spring Clean-up: May 9 – May 12

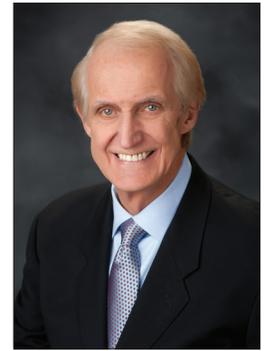
Winnetka's Annual Spring Clean-Up week will be held the week of May 9 through May 12. Scheduled pickups are:

- Monday, May 9:**  
north of Tower Road
- Tuesday, May 10:**  
Tower Road to Pine Street
- Wednesday, May 11:**  
Pine Street to Willow Road
- Thursday, May 12:**  
south of Willow Road.



The goal of the yearly spring rubbish collection is to reduce fire hazards in the home. Public Works employees will remove from the parkway anything that two men can reasonably lift into a truck. Yardwaste, dirt, stone, logs, construction materials/debris, batteries, paint, and other liquids will not be picked up. *continued on page 3*

## A Message from E. Gene Greable, the Village President



The Village hit the ground running in 2016, with work progressing on two vital and pressing initiatives: the Strand Associates Stormwater Alternatives Study and the Downtown Master Plan Study (DMP).

At the January DMP Steering Committee meeting, Teska Associates unveiled Vision Statements for each of Winnetka's three business districts. The Vision Statements celebrate the desired look, feel, function, and future direction for each district. At the February Steering Committee meeting, a discussion of future redevelopment sites took place. Look for a special mailing in the near future about the Downtown Master Plan process.

The Village has accomplished much in the area of stormwater flood mitigation, yet much remains to be done. To-date, the Village has completed construction of five significant stormwater remediation projects that provide direct relief to hundreds of homes in Winnetka. The Northwest Winnetka Stormwater Project, completed last fall at a cost of \$6.53 million, came in approximately \$200,000 under budget. The Council approved a design and construction engineering contract on March 1 for a project to provide relief to the Boal Parkway neighborhood. The engineering is expected to be completed this year, and it is anticipated that construction will take place in early 2017.

In January, Strand Associates, the Village's Stormwater Alternatives Study consultant, held two Village-wide public workshops to gather individual stories of flooding in the study area. This community feedback confirmed that Strand's

updated hydraulic/hydrologic models are accurate. The next set of public stormwater open houses took place in early March. At these meetings, flood relief concepts were presented for community reaction and comment. Strand sought input on improvement opportunities such as distributed green infrastructure, storage, and conveyance – seeking a sense of preferences from residents. In addition to evaluating storage and conveyance infrastructure at specific sites, they are analyzing the opportunity costs the community perceives, such as when building green infrastructure might result in the loss of parkway trees. For more information on the Stormwater Alternatives Study, read our cover story.

One of our annual reminders of the changing seasons – the Spring Cleanup program – begins on May 9 – details are on the cover of this newsletter. Please continue to follow on the Village's website and other key information sources to stay current on these Council strategic priorities, as well as the Village's many events, programs, and services. 2016 is going to be an exciting year in Winnetka!

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E. Gene Greable". The signature is fluid and cursive.

E. Gene Greable  
Village President

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## Consider Purchasing a Cotton Flag



When a flag is tattered or torn, it is considered unserviceable, and must be disposed of in a dignified way, preferably by burning. Therefore, an important consideration in purchasing an American Flag is the material that they are made from. Flags made from cotton are preferred, as the colors are rich and vibrant; the material lasts longer; and is easier to dispose of due to the natural fibers.

Flags made of nylon are ideal for outdoor use; however they are very difficult to dispose of properly. Some nylon flags have a mildly translucent appearance, which can detract from their beauty. Polyester flags are typically the cheapest and toughest of all materials. However, the quality of the flag and the vibrancy of the colors are far inferior to cotton and nylon flags, in addition to being harmful to the environment when burned or buried.

The Winnetka Fire Department urges residents to consider purchasing cotton flags for their personal needs, in the interest of protecting the environment, and ensuring the longevity and vibrancy of your patriotic display.

The Fire Department teams up with the Boy Scouts and Veterans of Foreign Wars to properly destroy torn/tattered flags. A collection box is located in the lobby of the Fire Station to collect the flags – just look for the reused postal service box in the lobby.

*Drop your flag at the Fire Department for proper disposal*

## 2016 Annual Spring Clean-up: May 9 - May 12...cont. from cover

To minimize litter problems, the rubbish should be placed on residential parkways no earlier than the evening before the scheduled pickup, before 7:00 AM the day of the pickup. There will be no call-backs if the material is not on the parkway by the scheduled time.

This is an excellent opportunity to clean out your attic, basement, and garage - especially of combustible materials - thereby making a significant contribution to community fire safety. If you have any questions, please call the Public Works Department at 847-716-3568 Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

## Sign-Up for Village E-Alerts

The Village of Winnetka is committed to offering up-to-date, pertinent information to the public, and endeavors to take advantage of emerging technologies to facilitate this goal. A wealth of information is offered on the Village website ([villageofwinnetka.org](http://villageofwinnetka.org)), including information on Winnetka's history, demographics, government, business development, Village services and much more. View Council meeting videos, access an easy to use Freedom of Information Act tool, read up on FAQs, and review meeting agenda material for the Village Council and all of its advisory Boards and Commissions.

*E-Winnetka* is a weekly electronic newsletter that provides news and important reminders to subscribers. *E-Developments* is a monthly E-newsletter that brings information to the business community. Sign up for one, or both, on the homepage of the Village website. Simply click Subscribe in the bottom left footer on any Village webpage. While you're there, consider subscribing to our newest feature - *E-Alerts*. The alerts present specific information on topics of individual interest (general news, stormwater, or "go green" recycling tips) and updates, when available, may be received daily or weekly.

A quarterly print newsletter, the Winnetka Report, is delivered to every postal customer in the Village; and periodic special issues are delivered when the need for a special communication arises. A local cable channel (Channel 10) provides a bulletin board and airs Council meetings in rotation on a daily basis. Watch for an upcoming special edition in mid-April to update the community on our many Downtown Master Plan activities.

The Village also has developed several dedicated mailboxes, so you can email the Village, the Council, or provide comments and questions about ongoing issues. The special mailboxes are:

- [ContactUs@Winnetka.org](mailto:ContactUs@Winnetka.org)
- [ContactCouncil@Winnetka.org](mailto:ContactCouncil@Winnetka.org)
- [StormwaterComments@Winnetka.org](mailto:StormwaterComments@Winnetka.org)
- [OneWinnetka@Winnetka.org](mailto:OneWinnetka@Winnetka.org)

Finally, in the event you're catching up on the Stormwater Management Program, please remember that the information has been migrated from the dedicated stormwater website to a new home within the Village website.

Visit [villageofwinnetka.org/residents/stormwater-management](http://villageofwinnetka.org/residents/stormwater-management) for past and current stormwater summaries, documents and FAQs.



## Council Action Summary

Below is a summary of key actions recently taken by the Village Council. To learn more about agenda items, visit the Village website: [villageofwinnetka.org](http://villageofwinnetka.org).



2015/16 Winnetka Village Council

**January 5, 2016:** The Council approved a liquor license for a Stacked & Folded, new casual restaurant at 551 Lincoln Avenue.

**January 12, 2016:** The Council discussed fire sprinkler regulations for commercial properties, with the aim of reducing the initial financial investment for building owners and tenants. Fire Chief Alan Berkowsky explained that "change of use" provisions were written into the Fire Code in 1977 to provide a trigger for sprinkler system installations, with the goal of outfitting commercial buildings with this life-saving equipment. After a thorough discussion and listening to the input of audience members, the Council requested some changes to the Fire Sprinkler Ordinance, including a delayed compliance provision and financial incentives.

**January 19, 2016:** The Council held a public hearing for an ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance with regard to semi-permeable surfaces. The purpose of the amendments is to bring the Village's various impermeable surface requirements (Zoning, Engineering Guidelines and Stormwater Utility) into conformity with each other, and also to comply with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District's Watershed Management Ordinance. The Ordinance was amended slightly and introduced, and then adopted at the February 2 Council meeting.

**February 2, 2016:** An agreement was ratified with CBRE, a commercial real estate firm, to provide a financial evaluation of the One Winnetka Planned Development preliminary application. The CBRE report will assist the Council in its deliberations over the One Winnetka preliminary application, providing a basis to judge the Developer's claims of

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## 2016 Coal Tar Ban Update

In August of 2014, the Village of Winnetka implemented a ban on the use of coal tar-based sealing agents on all public and private driveways, parking lots and roads. Coal tar is a waste material generated during coal processing that contains high levels of chemical compounds shown to be harmful to aquatic life and pose a potential risk to humans. This initiative was studied by the Village's Environmental and Forestry Commission in an effort to benefit water quality. The ban requires all contractors and multi-family property owners to obtain a Pavement Sealant Applicators License through the Public Works Department. Single-family homeowners applying sealant themselves do not need a Pavement Sealant Applicators License.



*Coal tar residue can pollute our waterways*

As an alternative to coal tar-based sealants, the Village recommends using asphalt-based sealants (sold in most home improvement stores), replacing asphalt with concrete driveways, or leaving driveways unsealed.

In early March, letters were sent to previously licensed contractors reminding them to renew their applicator license in 2016 to confirm their sealant meets Village requirements. For more information, please call Matt Havlik in the Public Works Department at 847-716-3550.

## New Sprinkler Regulations Start May 15

During the warm weather months, water restrictions will be in effect. As a user of Lake Michigan water, the Village is required to impose restrictions by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). For 2016, new regulations have been adopted. Please assist the Village in adhering to the new IDNR requirements by following the Village Code.



*Sprinkler hours are effective starting May 15*

Lawn sprinkling is no longer allowed on consecutive days. Sprinkling is also prohibited between the hours of 12:00 PM and 6:00 PM. The restricted sprinkling hours begin May 15th and are effective until September 15th.

Sprinkling during otherwise prohibited hours may be permitted for a limited time with special approval by the Director of the Water & Electric Department. Sprinkling may be allowed for newly seeded or sod areas and for the annual activation or repair of sprinkler systems.

To obtain the special approval, or if you have questions, call 847-716-3558, or email: [gmclean@winnetka.org](mailto:gmclean@winnetka.org).

## A Message from the Police Chief



Cyber Security is not just for large organizations – everyone must be vigilant. Below are some tips to prevent inadvertently providing your personal information to a criminal.

### Protect Against Online Scams

- Use a computer firewall and update your router password – keep virus protection software up to date.
- Don't open e-mails from senders you don't know.
- Never access a website from a link in an e-mail, especially a site asking for personal information.
- If you have any doubts about an e-mail, do not respond.
- Beware of e-mails offering you a prize or a discount and asking you to choose a user id and password (most people use the same access information for several accounts).
- Monitor your financial account activity closely and watch for unusual activity.
- Change your password every 60 days – make sure your online passwords are complicated.
- Beware of e-mails with a sense of urgency; attempting to rush you into action. Messages like, "Update now or we'll close your account..."
- Do not include personal or sensitive data in a response to an e-mail.

### Prevent Identity Theft

- **Shred documents.** Anything containing names, financial information or other account information.
- **Pay attention to the mail.** Fraudulent transactions may generate unexpected mail.
- **Hang-up the phone.** Don't hesitate to hang-up or not even answer a caller you suspect is illegitimate. The longer you talk, the more you risk. A Google search of a number can help determine its origin.
- **Opt out of credit card offers.** Call 1-888-5-OPTOUT (1-888-567-8688) to learn about opting out of pre-approved credit offers. You can also opt out by visiting [optoutprescreen.com](http://optoutprescreen.com)
- **Take care when creating passwords.** Use at least 8 characters with a combination of numbers and both capital and lowercase letters.
- **Create multiple passwords & change them regularly.** Use the same password for everything and one mistake puts all your accounts at risk.
- **Monitor your credit report.** You are entitled to an annual free credit report from each of the three reporting agencies.
- **Be aware of online phishing scams.** Most common are e-mails designed to look legitimate from your bank or other organization requesting you click a link to update some information on your account.
- **Only keep the essentials in your wallet or purse.** Only carry the cards you are going to use for that day. Never carry your social security card.
- **If it sounds too good to be true – it is!**

## Winnetka Welcomes New Businesses

### New Businesses:

**Mrs. Green's Natural Market**  
925 Green Bay Road

**Stacked & Folded**  
551 Lincoln Avenue

### New Locations:

**Phototronics**  
996 Green Bay Road

**Michelle's Cleaners**  
805 Elm Street

**A General Store**  
811 Oak Street



*The cheery interior of Stacked & Folded*

**Expanded:**  
**Londo Mondo**  
556 Green Bay Road

**Opening Soon:**  
**The LaundryMutt**  
1054 Gage Street

## Employ Stormwater Pollution Prevention Techniques for Lawns and Gardens



*Keep your stormwater runoff clean to protect the environment*

Homeowners and landscaping companies can employ some simple lawn and garden activities that will benefit the overall stormwater quality. Plants with strong rooting characteristics are useful for stabilizing slopes and preventing soil erosion. Indigenous plant materials create an environmentally friendly landscape, and are generally more water efficient and disease resistant.

Plan ahead by grouping plants according to their watering needs. Whenever possible, eliminate turf areas, as lawns require more water and maintenance than wildflowers, shrubs, trees and other types of ground cover. Where turf is used, select a type of grass that can withstand drought and that becomes dormant in hot, dry weather.

Water lawns and gardens only when necessary and during the coolest time of day to minimize evaporation (trickle irrigation systems and soaker hoses are 20 percent more efficient than sprinklers). See the article on page 4 about sprinkler regulations. When mowing the lawn, keep grass at least 3 to 4 inches high, and leave mulched clippings should on the lawn as a natural fertilizer. Mulches help retain water, reduce weed growth, prevent erosion, and improve the soil for plant growth.

Minimize application of fertilizers and pesticides, which find their way into the Lake, Skokie River and other waterways; there are less toxic alternatives to commercial fertilizers easily available. Pesticide use can be avoided entirely by selecting hearty plants that are native to the area and by keeping them healthy. Any unused pesticides must be saved and disposed of at a household hazardous waste collection site. Please remind landscapers that it is illegal to dispose of pesticides and fertilizers down the storm sewer drain or into the storm sewer system.

## Council Action Summary

public benefit in connection with the project. The Developer will reimburse the Village for expenses incurred for the CBRE engagement.

**February 9, 2016:** The Village Council conducted a strategic planning exercise, beginning with a review of Village-wide goals in a new business plan format. Next, each Village Department presented an overview of its mission and objectives, along with action steps and schedules for achieving the stated objectives. The Council will continue its strategic planning in late spring or early summer, prior to beginning the fiscal year 2017 budget process in the fall.

**February 16, 2016:** Village Engineer/Public Works Director Steve Saunders updated the Council on two public workshops held in January by Strand Associates, the firm conducting the Stormwater Alternatives Study. Attendee feedback confirmed the accuracy of Strand's upgraded hydraulic/hydrologic modeling. Mr. Saunders said more public input will be sought at two public workshops in early March, to gauge the community's acceptance of preliminary recommendations. More on the Strand Stormwater Alternatives Study can be found on page 6. Also on February 16, the Council introduced Ordinance No. MC-2-2016, amending the Fire Sprinkler Code to accommodate commercial building owners.

**March 1, 2016:** A Special Use Permit for Domino's Pizza was approved, so Domino's can move its location from Glencoe to Winnetka's Hubbard Woods business district. Another Special Use Permit was approved for installation of a small cell antenna on a commercial building on Green Bay Road. The antenna will boost cell signals for commuters and others in the Elm Street business district. Finally, a design and construction engineering contract was approved for a stormwater pump station project in the Boal Parkway neighborhood. The Public Works Department plans to complete engineering in 2016, and undertake construction in 2017.

**To see agenda materials and reports related to the Council meetings,** visit the Village's website: [villageofwinnetka.org](http://villageofwinnetka.org), and click the link on the homepage to Meetings & Agendas.

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retention, infiltration, property buyout or individual protection retrofit programs, and a host of other traditional and emerging stormwater management technologies.

Since beginning work in November, Strand Associates has thoroughly reviewed previous analyses completed by Christopher Burke Engineering and MWH, and updated previous hydrologic and hydraulic modeling to ensure that current conditions are accurately portrayed. Strand has explored, evaluated, and presented a wide variety of possible solutions and begun to involve a number of other possible public agency partners. Conversations with key public stakeholders such as the Park District, School Districts, and the Cook County Forest Preserve, are exploring ways that these conceptual solutions can meet the goals and objectives of those public landholders, while simultaneously meeting and advancing the Village's flood-protection goals.

**Flood Protection Goals**

The Village has established flood protection goals to prevent home and structure flooding, reduce surface flooding on private property, and provide for passable flood depths in streets from a target storm event producing 4.85 inches of rainfall over a 3-hour period of time, as reflected in Figure #1.

A number of opportunities have been identified that achieve these goals, including a mix of distributed homeowner-level green infrastructure improvements, neighborhood stormwater management and conveyance, and watershed-based stormwater storage. No single improvement will reach the Village's goal, so a combination of improvement opportunities are being assessed to create a final vision for stormwater and flood control in western and southwestern Winnetka, as displayed in Figure #2. The opportunities that make-up this vision must be technically feasible, cost-effective, and community supported.

**Distributed Green Infrastructure**

Green infrastructure opportunities being considered include homeowner-level improvements like rain barrels, rain gardens, and pervious driveways. These opportunities alone are not able to address the target 100-year storm event, but they do provide relief during more frequent, less intense rainfalls. Additionally, these opportunities are instrumental in providing water quality improvements, which is an important aspect of the Village's final stormwater management vision. The effectiveness of these opportunities is based on participation by property owners and would probably be implemented over an extended period of time.

Distributed green infrastructure also includes local neighborhood improvements such as street curb bump outs (see Figure #3), rain garden parkways, and green intersections. These improvements also provide benefit during smaller intensity rainfall events and add another valuable layer of water quality improvements. Challenges to be considered with these opportunities include changes to traffic patterns, permanent closing of streets, and loss of mature parkway trees.

A limitation to all of the green infrastructure opportunities are local soil conditions. Winnetka is underlain by stiff clay soils (Class D Soils) which have very limited infiltration capability. So the green infrastructure opportunities are generally intended for slowing down and cleansing stormwater runoff rather than significantly reducing the total volume of runoff.

**Stormwater Storage**

Potential opportunities for stormwater storage require identification of available open space and generally fall into one of two types: neighborhood opportunities and

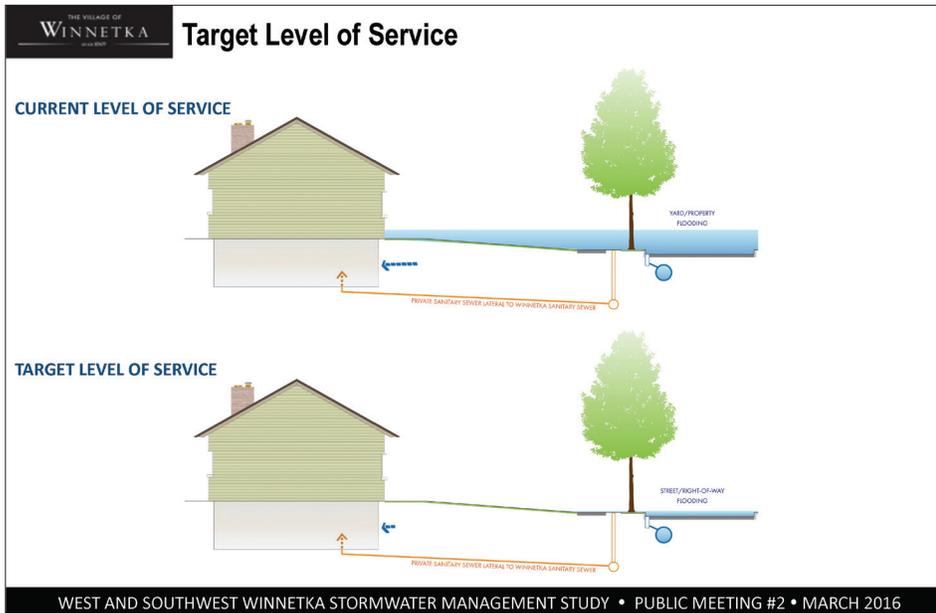


Figure 1: Flood risk reduction, service levels

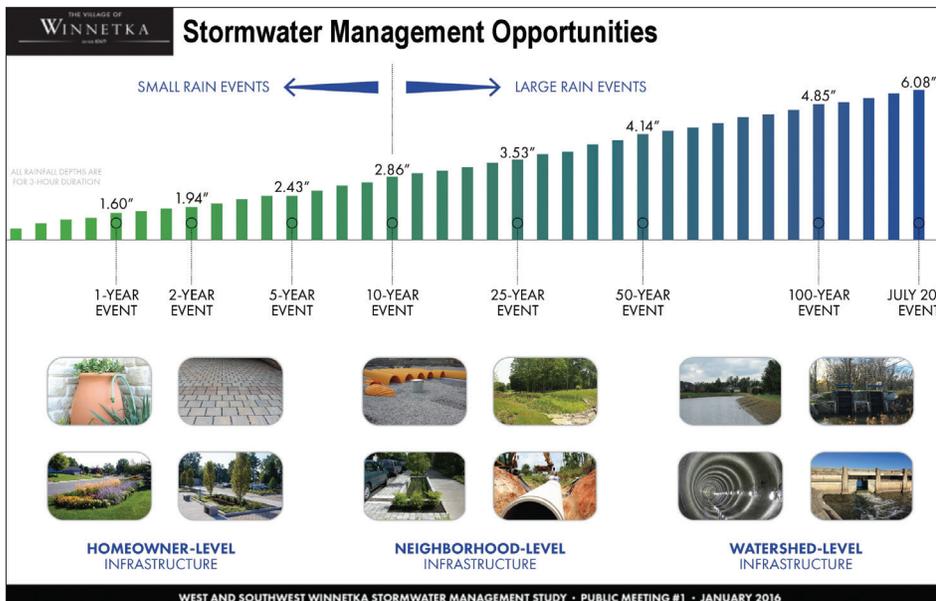


Figure 2: Stormwater management opportunities being considered



Figure 3: Neighborhood green infrastructure, curb bump-out

watershed opportunities. Potential neighborhood opportunities include the Washburne-Skokie Play Field, which would entail providing underground stormwater storage and replacing the surface play fields.

Other potential storage opportunities are being explored, including West Elm Street Park, Crow Island Park, and Indian Hill Golf Course. Stormwater storage at West Elm Street Park would require significant tree removal and change the character of the park. Strand’s model analysis shows that during significant rain events, portions of the Indian Hill Golf Course become inundated, affecting playability and course conditions. The potential exists to find ways to manage stormwater inundation so that both course recovery times and neighborhood flood risk would be reduced. Obviously, any improvements will have to be worked into the playability of the golf course and the requirements of the club. Crow Island Park (Figure #4) poses one of the best storage opportunities and would entail restoration of this area to its historical wetland and wet prairie conditions. Crow Island Park also represents a great water quality opportunity.

Another potential neighborhood storage opportunity would be to purchase vacant parcels or buy-out existing home sites. However, often the available vacant parcels are not connected to the areas that flood and provide limited benefit. Buying out existing home sites is very challenging, and in Winnetka’s case, may not be cost-effective.

Numerous potential watershed opportunities have been identified including the lands of Forest Preserve District of Cook County, New Trier High School, and Park District. Historical research has revealed that the Forest Preserve lands were lowland wet prairie and wetlands prior to development of the Skokie Lagoons and the Skokie River levee system. Conversion of the lands east of the Skokie River and south of the Skokie Lagoons back to these historical conditions would result in significant stormwater storage volumes, restoration of native habitat, and removal of invasive species while also providing for increased access and use of these lands for passive and active recreational use.

The Skokie Lagoons have also been considered for stormwater storage, but the elevation of the lagoons is actually higher than some of the flood prone areas in Winnetka. In addition to

regulatory concerns and potential impacts to lagoon ecology, significant pumping—over 10 times the Village’s current pumping capacity—would be required to transfer flood waters to the Lagoons, making this alternative far more expensive and less feasible than the other identified opportunities.

Potential watershed storage opportunities on Duke Childs Field north of Willow Road, owned by the New Trier High School District, range from use of the existing lacrosse field along Hibbard Road to use of the entire field, including the baseball fields. Conversion of the lacrosse field to a wet or wetland pond represents one of the best stormwater storage and water quality opportunities identified to-date. In order to maintain



Figure 4: Stormwater storage at Crow Island Park, schematic view

current activities and levels of use for the High School, the lacrosse fields could be relocated to the top of the landfill south of Willow Road with modifications for public use, access, and parking. Additional storage could be realized by lowering the baseball fields to provide storage during large storm events with a system to drain the fields when flood waters recede. If an alternate location can be identified that provides sufficient land and logistics for the baseball fields, the entire Duke Childs Field could be converted to stormwater storage. Figure #5 (shown on page 8) shows storage opportunities at this site.

### Stormwater Conveyance

Integral to implementation of any identified stormwater storage opportunity is the conveyance system that transports the stormwater away from private properties. Among the conveyance opportunities identified are new large diameter

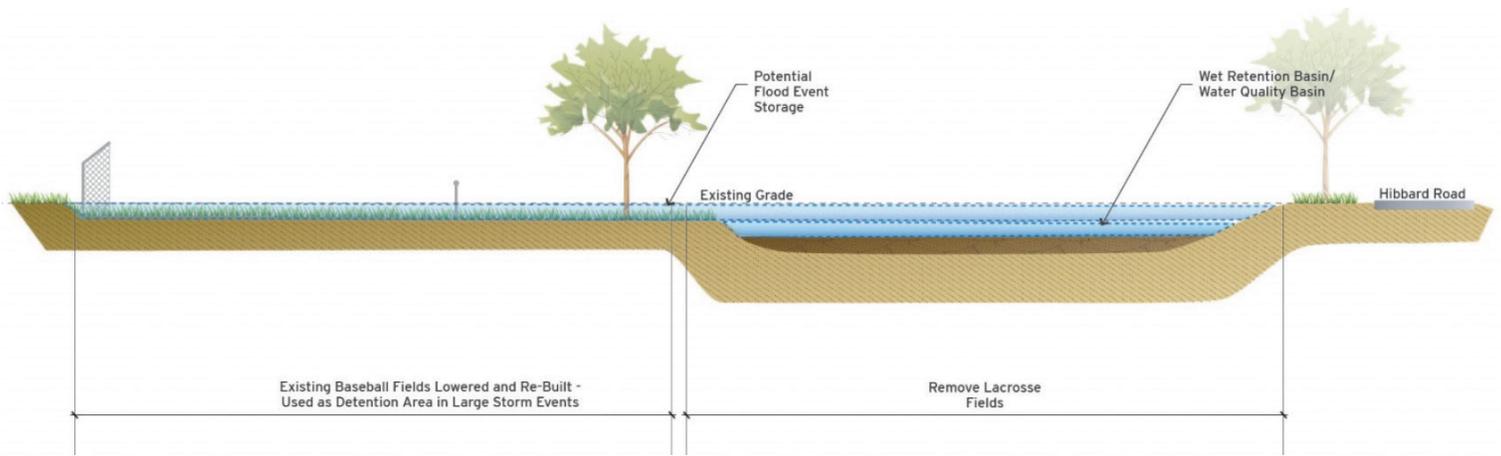


Figure 5: Stormwater storage at Duke Childs Field, conceptual cross-section

storm sewers and box culverts. The size of the conveyance infrastructure will require significant work in roadways and may require dedication of easements from private property owners. But the benefit of these new systems could result in removal of many of the Village’s existing pumping stations—reducing the Village’s dependence on pumping and elimination of reliability issues from pump or power failures.

### Public Involvement

On March 3 and 5, a series of open houses were held at which the potential opportunities for stormwater and flood control were presented and discussed. Visit [villageofwinnetka.org/residents/stormwater-alternatives-evaluation/public-meeting-highlights](http://villageofwinnetka.org/residents/stormwater-alternatives-evaluation/public-meeting-highlights) to view the Open House presentation as well as a complete a comment form.

Comments received from the public are being used to evaluate the potential stormwater opportunities and to develop the Village’s final vision for stormwater management and flood control. Figure #6 presents a summary of feedback the Village has received via comment cards from March 3 and 5.

Moving forward, Strand will identify the combination of opportunities that together make up the Village’s recommended stormwater management and flood control vision. Public input is welcome as this process proceeds to the Vision Phase Workshop on Tuesday, April 12. Please note there will be no Village Council meeting that night. At that time, the public will have the chance to hear about the process used to develop the final vision, see renderings of the recommended improvements, understand the anticipated costs and timeline for implementation of the vision, and provide comments for consideration in finalizing the Vision for Village Council deliberation.

Study materials, concepts, cost estimates and feedback forms are available on the Village’s website in the “Residents” tab at: [villageofwinnetka.org/residents/stormwater-alternatives-evaluation](http://villageofwinnetka.org/residents/stormwater-alternatives-evaluation).

Viewing these materials before this meeting will allow you to best participate in evaluating and discussing the proposed stormwater improvements, and to provide input that will be considered in the final recommendation to be presented to the Village Council in late April.

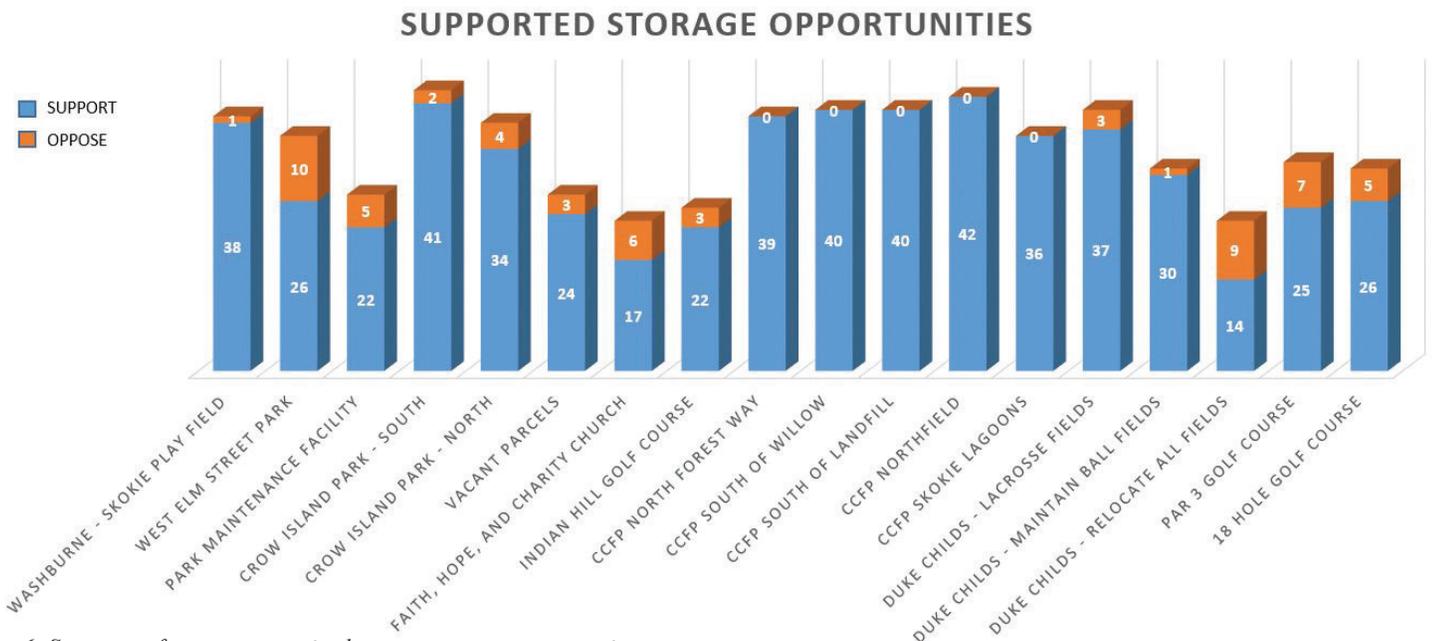


Figure 6: Summary of comments received on stormwater storage options

## Celebrate Arbor Day – April 29

Arbor Day has been celebrated since the tradition first began in 1872 in Nebraska. Today Arbor Day is internationally recognized and celebrated in many countries around the world.



Trees provide many social, ecological and economic benefits to our society worldwide. The Village of Winnetka invites residents to participate on April 29 at Village Hall, 510 Green Bay Road. Seasonal tree information displays along with free tree seedlings will be available.

If you have any questions or need an inspection of your own trees, please call the Village Forester at 847-716-3535.



Winnetka has been a Tree City USA for over 20 years

## Document Destruction Event

Saturday, May 14  
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM



The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) is providing a one-day document destruction event for residentially-generated paper, such as medical forms, bank statement, personal files, retired tax forms, etc. Paper clips and staples do not need to be removed, but please remove binders. This program assists residents with recycling sensitive documents.

There is no cost to participate, but residents must live in one of SWANCC's member communities and ID's will be checked for proof of residency. There is a limit of six file-size boxes or paper shopping bags per vehicle. **Please do not bring documents in plastic bags.** As residents drive up in their vehicles, workers will unload the paper into large carts. When full, the carts of paper are emptied into the truck's cross-shredding machine. At the end of the event, the shredded documents are transported to a recycling facility in Elk Grove Village.

Winnetka's 2016 Document Destruction Event will be held Saturday, May 14 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM at the Public Works Yards at 1390 Willow Road.

## Remember Village Leaf Blower Regulations



Use of gasoline or electric leaf blowers is prohibited during the months of June through September.

The Village of Winnetka would like to request residents to remind their landscaping services not use gas leaf blowers during the summer months.

*Use of gasoline-power leaf blowers is prohibited in the summer months*

## Why Are There Colored Flags and/or Paint in My Yard?

Have you noticed an area in your yard or parkway where colored flags or lines are placed? These marks identify underground utilities; each color identifies a different type of utility line and helps excavators prevent damage to underground utilities.

For example:

<b>BLUE</b>	= water
<b>RED</b>	= electric
<b>ORANGE</b>	= CATV/ phone
<b>YELLOW</b>	= gas
<b>WHITE</b>	= proposed excavation

Residents who are digging in their yards for landscaping or construction purposes should always remember to dial 8-1-1

or (1-800-892-0123) before digging. J.U.L.I.E. (Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators) provides a free service for the locating and marking of underground utility facilities. Each utility owner is notified by J.U.L.I.E. and responds to mark their facilities within two working days of the call.

So why are there marks in your yard? Are you having cable or underground electric service installed? A patio poured or fence installed? Are you having new landscaping or trees planted? A contractor performing these types of projects would call J.U.L.I.E. Additional information is available on J.U.L.I.E. at the website: [illinois1call.com](http://illinois1call.com).



*Call 8-1-1 before digging for this free service*

## Spring Tree Planting Deadline is April 25

Each year the Village of Winnetka plants nearly 300 trees in parkway areas throughout the Village. Trees are vital to Winnetka's aesthetics and provide many important benefits. The Village is currently taking requests for its parkway tree planting. Trees measuring 2"-2 1/2" trunk diameter size are planted at no cost for residents where parkway voids exist. Larger size trees are available, but residents are responsible for some of the cost difference.



*Plant a tree for a greener tomorrow*

The Village also offers a private tree planting program to residents for front yard areas. Several shade and ornamental tree species are available to select from 1" – 2" diameter trunk size. Residents are responsible for the total cost of any private tree planting.

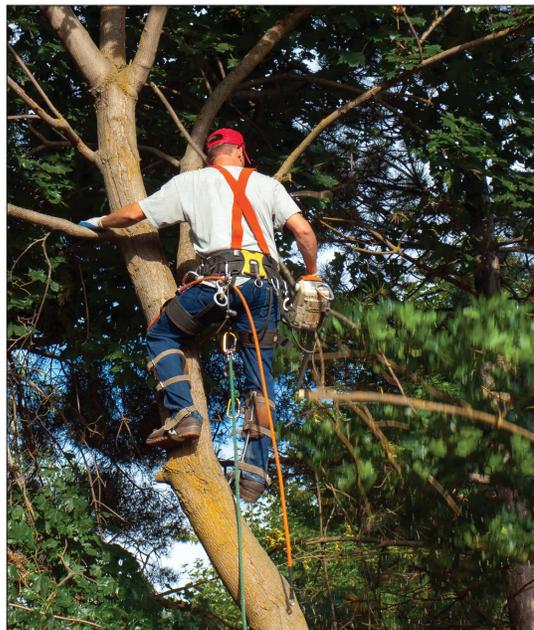
For a listing and description of all public and private trees available from the Village, please call the Village Forester at 847-716-3535 for more information or any questions. Deadline for spring tree requests is April 25.

## Spring Tree Trimming Commences Soon

The Village of Winnetka's parkway tree maintenance contractor will begin tree pruning beginning mid-April. The area to be pruned is in the southeast area of Winnetka between Oak and Wilson Streets; and Sunset and Sheridan Roads.

The Village attempts to trim parkway trees on a six-year cycle. Trees under overhead wires are pruned on a 2-3 year cycle. General tree pruning will be performed to remove dead branches, low branches (over sidewalks and streets), and to improve tree structure and health.

Temporary street closures may occur on various streets for worker and public safety. Please obey all signs during work operations if within these areas and we are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. If you have any questions concerning the Village pruning, please call the Village Forester at 847-716-3535.



*Tree trimming enhances tree health and safety of the Village's parkway trees*

## Test Backflow Assemblies Before Starting Lawn Sprinkler Systems



*Testing sprinkler systems protects our water system*

Backflow prevention assemblies are required on all in-ground lawn sprinkler systems, per Village Code and State Statute, and the system must be tested annually. Backflow devices protect the public water supply in the event of a reversal of the flow of water from irrigation lines.

Lawn chemicals and other materials can seep into lawn sprinkler lines through sprinkler heads and other openings – potentially contaminating water in the irrigation lines. The water could be siphoned into your home, and the public water supply, without a properly operating backflow prevention assembly in place.

Since many backflow prevention assemblies are located outside, they are susceptible to freezing and bursting unless properly winterized. Therefore, a backflow prevention assembly needs to be tested when starting up a lawn irrigation system each year.

The tester should forward the results to the Village's Water & Electric Department (Fax 847-716-3599) or email [ebraun@winnetka.org](mailto:ebraun@winnetka.org). The Village appreciates your cooperation. Please direct any questions to the Water & Electric Department's non-emergency line at 847-716-3558.

## Landmark Preservation Commission Seeks Nominations for 2016 Preservation Awards Program

The Landmark Preservation Commission invites residents participate in the 2016 Preservation Awards Program,



*A 2015 award winner*

which honors construction projects in Winnetka that help preserve the history and character of the Village. Nominate your house for any project that has been completed during the past

five years. The award categories are: Restoration, Rehabilitation, and New Construction.



If you believe your recent improvement project helped to preserve the historic character of Winnetka, the Commission asks that you consider applying. Applications are available from the Department of Community Development at Village Hall, 510 Green Bay Road, or by visiting [villageofwinnetka.org/assets/1/7/LPC\\_Award\\_Nomination\\_Form.pdf](http://villageofwinnetka.org/assets/1/7/LPC_Award_Nomination_Form.pdf). The application deadline is Friday, May 27.

If you have questions about the Awards Program, call Ann Klaassen at 847-716-3525.

## Outreach and Accomplishments in Downtown Master Planning



*Participants at the January 25 Vision Statement Open House*

Even if you're not already following the dedicated project website ([winnetkadowntownplan.com](http://winnetkadowntownplan.com)), you've likely heard that the Village has undertaken a Downtown Master Plan process. Teska Associates, including Goodman Williams Group and Sam Schwartz Engineering, kicked-off the project in October, 2015 and have been busy with a substantive scope of work and much public involvement. The Village is thankful for the community involvement thus far, especially the time an efforts of the Steering Committee and Working Groups, but don't worry—more opportunities are on the horizon.

Work started with a report of Existing Conditions and quickly carried through to a study of Market Findings. Next, Teska turned attention to developing Vision Statements for each of

Winnetka's Business Districts—aspirations of the community for what each area could become in the future. Earlier this year, planning efforts turned toward a Parking and Circulation Evaluation, and most recently, Teska has hosted two Redevelopment Workshops with the Steering Committee.

The Master Plan Scope of Work called for evaluation and planning related to the Village-owned Post Office Site, and three other sites among the districts. Redevelopment concepts are evaluating the following locations: 1) Downtown Elm- Post Office Site @ Elm and Chestnut, 2) Downtown Elm- North @ Spruce and Green Bay, 3) Hubbard Woods- South @ Tower and Green Bay, and 4) Hubbard Woods- North @ Merrill and Green Bay.

Teska's work is on schedule to next look at Infrastructure and Urban Design and then Land Use and Regulations before putting the elements together in a Draft Plan Document. The Village anticipates Draft Plan review will begin with the Steering Committee early this summer.

For all the latest news, events, and documents, visit the project website or "subscribe" to follow. Also, please look for a special Winnetka Report, due out in mid-April, dedicated to the Master Plan process.

## Winnetka Saves on New Recycling Contract

In an effort to save costs on recycling collection, the Villages of Winnetka and Glencoe have co-selected a vendor to provide this service for their residents and achieve economies of scale.

The winning bidder, Lakeshore Recycling Systems (LRS) of Morton Grove, has provided waste and/or recycling collection services to the Chicago Public Schools, City of Chicago, and the Villages of Bannockburn, Skokie, Deerfield, Highland Park and Riverwoods.

The new recycling contract will collectively save approximately \$566,000 over the life of the five-year agreement. Since both villages are serviced by the same law firm, the collaboration also saved an estimated \$20,000 in administrative and legal fees. Lakeshore Recycling Systems began work in Winnetka in February.





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Electric or Water Outages	847-501-2531
Refuse and Recycling Collection	847-716-3568
Manager/Finance Department	847-501-6000
Public Works Department	847-716-3568
Water & Electric Department	847-716-3558
Water & Electric Billing Services	847-446-9550
Community Development Department	847-716-3576

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### Upcoming Village Council Meetings

- April 5 - Regular Meeting
- April 19 - Regular Meeting
- May 3 - Regular Meeting
- May 10 - Study Session
- May 17 - Regular Meeting
- June 7 - Regular Meeting
- June 14 - Study Session
- June 21 - Regular Meeting

#### Meetings start at 7 PM at Village Hall, 510 Green Bay Road

All agenda materials are available at the Reference Desk at the Winnetka Library, in the Manager's Office at Village Hall (2nd floor), or on the Village's website: [villageofwinnetka.org](http://villageofwinnetka.org) (click on the "Meetings & Agendas" button).

Meetings are televised on Comcast Channel 10 and AT&T Uverse Channel 99 every night at 7 PM. Webcasts of the meeting may also be viewed on the Village's web site: [villageofwinnetka.org](http://villageofwinnetka.org) (click "Watch Council Meetings Online").



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In lieu of its April 12 Study Session, the Village will host the Stormwater Alternatives Study Vision Workshop at Washburne Middle School Theater beginning at 7:00 PM.