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DISTRICT 34, VILLAGE PARTNER ON FLOOD CONTROL

October 18, 2016 – A flood relief project aimed at addressing historic flooding issues in the Bonnie Glen neighborhood is moving forward, following approval of an easement agreement October 18 by the Glenview School District 34 Board of Education and the Village of Glenview Board of Trustees.

The project is expected to mitigate roadway and private property flooding impacting about 340 parcels and improve access for emergency response vehicles.

The Village will be responsible for designing and constructing an underground water detention system in the field outside Lyon Elementary School, 1335 Waukegan Road, which provided an opportunity to redesign and expand the school's parking lot.

The detention system will store stormwater that is redirected away from the Bonnie Glen neighborhood as well as the southeast corner of East Lake Avenue and Waukegan road, which often floods.

“We recognize the problems these residents have been experiencing for several years with flooding, and we feel fortunate to be presented with this opportunity to partner with the Village in a way that benefits homeowners while also addressing a need at Lyon School,” School Board President Cathe Russe stated.

The area, which has experienced six flood events since 2007, was identified in the Village's 2010 Flood Risk Reduction Program (Master Plan) and listed for funding in the Village's 2013 Accelerated Stormwater Action Plan.

“Providing this area detention under Lyon School is the most economical and feasible way to address these longstanding issues,” Village President Jim Patterson stated. “We commend District 34 for being such a willing partner in this endeavor.”

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Specifically, the project involves constructing a 5-acre-foot underground detention chamber, almost the size of a football field five feet deep; larger diameter storm sewer pipes; and new inlets at the lowest point in the watershed.

The project is expected to cost about \$2.5 million, with the Village and District 34 sharing the cost of reconstructing the school parking lot. The new lot will be safer and designed to best support traffic flow during school drop-off and pick-up times.

Construction of the detention system is expected to take place in summer 2017, with the parking lot reconstruction in summer of 2018. The parking lot would remain open and fully functional prior to its reconstruction.

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