



Village of  
**Elmwood Park**

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## **Village begins phase two of flood mitigation project**

*80th Ave to be closed between Belmont and Sunset*

ELMWOOD PARK – The village's major flood mitigation project is entering its next phase as crews wrap up construction on the first stage of 80th Avenue.

"We're making great progress," Village President Angelo "Skip" Saviano said. "We know any traffic detour is a problem, but I think we all agree the short term inconveniences are worth the long term results."

Under the current phase of the project, 80th Avenue was closed between Sunset and Grand Ave. while crews dug up the ground and installed new storm sewer, catch basins and junction boxes. The switchover of traffic from stage one to stage two is expected to take place Monday, August 12, with 80th Avenue closed from Sunset north to Belmont.

In addition to the new sewer improvements, crews have installed new curb and gutter, new ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant sidewalk ramps at all corners, grading of the street and paving of the asphalt binder course.

Like many communities, the village has been serviced by combined sewers which convey both domestic sewage and storm water runoff to a treatment facility. Elmwood Park's flood mitigation project will separate storm water from domestic sewage across more than 20 percent of Elmwood Park, offering relief to all neighborhoods.

Additional construction is underway on the property of the Oak Park Country Club where a new pump station will eventually discharge the storm water into the Des Plaines River.

"This is another major step forward for us," Saviano said. "Not only do we expect to reduce flooding in this particular section of the village significantly, the project will benefit the entire village by increasing overall storm water capacity."

Completion of this year's work on 80th Avenue is expected by October 15th. More information on the Flood Mitigation Plan can be found on the village's website [www.elmwoodpark.org](http://www.elmwoodpark.org).