



*Thatcher Avenue project includes new storm sewer, flood wall*

## **Final Flood Mitigation Project underway**

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**ELMWOOD PARK** – The Village is entering the final phase of its massive Flood Mitigation Project (FMP), capping a two-year process to bring much needed flood relief to residents of Elmwood Park.

"This has been a long process, but we finally see the light at the end of the tunnel," Village President Skip Saviano said. "As we've said on previous occasions, we look forward to the many benefits property owners will experience as a result of this project."

Representatives from the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District joined Saviano and other Village officials at Monday's groundbreaking along Thatcher Avenue.

The Thatcher Avenue storm sewer project includes construction of approximately 3,200 feet of sewer force mains that will use pressure to move excess water into the Des Plaines river. For added protection, the project also includes a nearly 1500 foot long flood wall to help contain rising river levels during extreme weather conditions.

Construction began earlier this year on a storm sewer connector at 80th Avenue and the Oak Park Country Club and the Westwood area storm sewer project along each of the lateral streets that connect to 80th Avenue. The Thatcher Avenue project will connect storm sewer lines from a newly constructed pump station, moving water more efficiently from Thatcher to the Des Plaines river.

Anyone with questions may call the Elmwood Park Village Hall at 708-452-7300 or go to the Flood Mitigation Project Center on the Village website.

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