CITY OF
Crystal Lake
ILLINOIS

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Pine Street/Oriole Trail/Crystal Lake Avenue Study Area Resident

Dear Resident:

The City would like to take this opportunity to update you on the stormwater mitigation efforts in your area. As you may be aware, the City of Crystal Lake submitted a grant application for the 2017 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program Funding on October 16, 2017. The application includes the voluntary acquisition and subsequent demolition of five residences in this study area. The homeowners of the five residences are not required as part of this grant to sell their home. It is a voluntary program.

The proposed improvements are expected to significantly reduce the risk of flooding, thereby reducing the flood damage to residences and roadways. It removes four repetitive loss properties and provides an auxiliary benefit of additional stormwater storage capacity on the vacated parcels.

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA)/FEMA generally selects which projects will move forward in the selection process within approximately 6-12 months after the application period closes which was on November 14, 2017. Should this project be selected to move forward, the exact timeframe of the grant award is unknown. However, the City will notify you of the next steps in the process as the project moves forward.

The City's website will continue to be updated as stormwater projects move forward. You can find your area at *www.crystallake.org, click "Residents" then "Stormwater Solutions"*. The website also contains background information and identifies resources that you may find useful.

In Crystal Lake, supporting residents' quality of life while protecting the environment, is a community priority. Stormwater management is a cooperative endeavor between residents, neighborhood associations, the City, and other government entities. Please feel free to contact us at any time at stormwatersolutions@crystallake.org or (815) 356-3611.

Sincerely,

Michael Magnuson, P.E.
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