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Mr. James W. Rogers  
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Dear Jim:

At the December Communication Committee meeting the City members requested that the Park District Board consider the passive nature of three locations, East End park, Wild Meadows Trace and Crestview park as we review potential storm water projects. In this last meeting, a portion of the conversation focused on the long range plans for these properties. The areas that the Park District has directed the city to focus on for each park are passive now and is planned to remain passive. In fact, as I understand, that is the reason we were directed to shift our focus to the western most portion of East End Park. This particular parcel holds water now in rain storms.

Seeing as the future plans for these three parks are passive use, we are requesting that together we approach the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), as stewards of the grant programs used to purchase these properties, and request dual use without replacing the land with additional park land. The uses would be open passive park space and temporary storm water.

If you recall the meeting we attended with Rep. Patti Bellock and Wayne Rosenthal, Director of IDNR, he suggested we submit in writing the request to allow dual use for all the encumbered properties so that his staff can review the proposal.

We would appreciate the Park Board's consideration of this request.

Best Regards,

James Grabowski  
City of Elmhurst  
City Manager