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Elmhurst Park District Board of Park Commissioners  
 375 W. First St.  
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Dear President Ubriaco, Members of the Park Board and Executive Director Rogers,

The ongoing flooding problems facing Elmhurst continue to impact the entire community and our reputation as a thriving Chicago suburb. We have experienced three major flooding events since 2010 and the severe weather has continued, making it imperative that we address the issue.

The City believes the flood relief plan outlined by Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. presents an immediate opportunity to provide relief to a problem that is negatively impacting residents' quality of life. Flooding issues affect all Elmhurst residents and this plan is mutually beneficial to the City, the Park District and the residents of Elmhurst.

After study and review of the options, we believe this is the most prudent, cost-effective and responsible solution that works for all of the taxpayers whom we serve. The Park District's engineering consultant, V3 Companies, has also reviewed the plan to utilize York Commons Park and Golden Meadows Park for above-ground temporary stormwater storage.

We have also asked District 205 for approval to utilize two properties. The City Council, along with City staff, have prioritized these four projects and included them in the City of Elmhurst's 5 year (2014-2018) capital plans. Where possible, grant funding will be explored to assist in their completion.

Target Completion Year	Neighborhood Area	Improvement Project Description	Project Partners	Estimated Project Cost *
2015	Crescent Ave. & Cambridge Ave. and Washington St.	Above ground storage in York Commons Park	Park District / City	\$ 3.21 MM
2015	Pine Street	Above ground storage in Golden Meadows Park	Park District / City	\$ 3.39 MM

These projects are just one piece of the larger puzzle as there are several items to be completed as part of this plan. Future or new suggestions regarding flood mitigation are welcome and will be considered "in addition to" these proposed solutions.

It would be our intent to make the projects in question an improvement of any existing facility – e.g. – if a softball field currently exists – our goal/intent is to create a detention area that mitigates flooding issues and also offers a new and improved playing facility. In this instance – the softball field would be replaced with a new field that would offer new facility hardware and improved drainage to offer more playable days per field. We would seek your input as we begin the design phase for these projects.

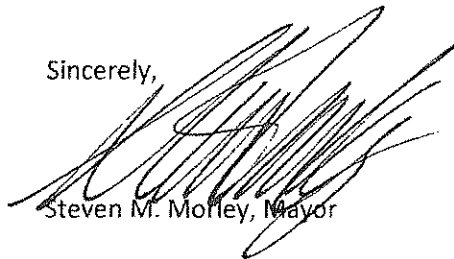
It is our hope that we can continue to work together in a positive way to the mutual benefit of our taxpayers as we draft the details of an intergovernmental agreement. Without the support of the Park District, the community will need to explore other options which will take more time and are exponentially more costly. Elmhurst residents are demanding relief and have asked the City to take action. We are requesting your help in our efforts to move forward. If these projects are approved, we are targeting a Spring 2015 start date.

We respectfully request your board vote to approve this proposal by September 30, 2014, allowing the City to move forward with construction of above-ground stormwater storage at York Commons and Golden Meadows Parks.

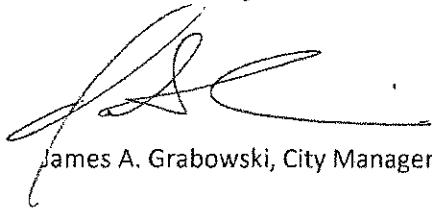
Approval of this proposal will enable the City to continue moving forward in the most fiscally responsible and expedient fashion. The next phase of the plan includes a major financial investment for engineering, and we do not feel it prudent to spend additional taxpayer dollars without support from your board.

We appreciate your assistance in this matter. In the spirit of continued cooperation, the City will extend its assistance and resources, to the extent possible, in aiding future Park District projects.

Sincerely,

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Steven M. Morley, Mayor

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James A. Grabowski, City Manager