

October 29, 2014



Members of the City Council
City of Elmhurst
209 N. York Street
Elmhurst, IL 60126

Dear Mayor Morley, City Council Members and City Manager Grabowski,

We are writing on behalf of the Elmhurst Park District Board of Park Commissioners in response to your formal request dated August 14, 2014 seeking the Park Board's approval of your proposal for use of York Commons and Golden Meadows parks for above-ground temporary stormwater detention. Following months of study and subcommittee meetings, along with considerable public input and discussion, the Park Board voted in the affirmative in response to the City's request for assistance. In doing so, the Park Board used the following three criteria to guide its decision making:

- Try to help the City meet stormwater needs if possible
- Ensure that the park sites, if used for detention, retain their recreational function
- Not adversely impact residents living in proximity to the parks

Using the evaluation criteria as a guide, on October 22, 2014 the Park Board unanimously approved the following:

1. in consideration for entering into an intergovernmental agreement that will, in perpetuity, alter and/or encumber open park space for use as stormwater detention purposes, the City agrees to extend the term of the shared Maintenance Facility Lease that currently expires in 2029 until February 28, 2108 to coincide with the City's lease of property on York Commons for Fire Station #2.
2. The Park District agrees to allow the City to utilize the west portion of York Commons Park (along York Street) to provide a stormwater detention basin with a capacity of approximately 11 acre feet in order to address the overland flooding concerns that exist for residents of Crescent Street. An additional requirement would be the installation of a shutoff valve to the line that would feed the detention basin from the Crescent Street area. Once the basin would be deemed full, the water would be shutoff automatically with a valve to be engineered by the City. In exchange for the use of York Commons as proposed, the City further agrees to construct, at no cost to the Park District, one (1) basketball court and two (2) sand volleyball courts in accordance with the Park District's York Commons Master Plan.

Recognizing that the York Commons storage facility is only one component required to solve flooding in the Southwest Study Area, the City of Elmhurst commits to accomplishing the recommendations within the Comprehensive Flooding Plan Report for the remainder of the Southwest Study Area.

3. The Park District agrees to allow the City to utilize the west portion of Golden Meadows Park by subdividing the property and deeding the western portion (approximately 2.5 to 3 acres) to the City to provide a stormwater detention basin with a capacity of 15+ acre feet in order to address the overland flooding concerns of Pine Street and Avon Road residents.

It being acknowledged that because Golden Meadows Park was acquired using Land and Water Conservation Funds, the property must be replaced with property of equal or greater value. The City is thereby obligated to acquire property within this parameter subject to approval by the Park District. The City also agrees to assist the Park District in relocating the garden plots that will be displaced.

The Park Board looks forward to incorporating these considerations into an intergovernmental agreement to be jointly developed between our two agencies.

On Behalf of the Board of Park Commissioners,



Carolyn Ubriaco, President



James W. Rogers, Executive Director

cc: Board of Park Commissioners