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Ribbon-cutting ceremony on Buffalo Creek Reservoir expansion set for Wednesday, July 20 at 11 a.m.

Project provides stormwater protection for Buffalo Grove and downstream communities

WHO: The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD), Village of Buffalo Grove, Lake County Forest Preserve District (LCFPD) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

WHAT: Officials will mark the completion of construction on the Buffalo Creek Reservoir expansion project to alleviate flooding for Buffalo Creek and downstream from the reservoir

WHERE: Buffalo Creek Reservoir at the Forest Preserve entrance off Checker Road, just west of North Arlington Heights Road.

WHEN: Wednesday, July 20 at 11 a.m.

Officials with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD), Village of Buffalo Grove, Lake County Forest Preserve District (LCFPD), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other local leaders will cut the ribbon on a project that alleviates flooding while improving public recreation spaces at Buffalo Creek Forest Preserve.

The Buffalo Creek project included public access improvements, enhanced the preserve's natural features and expanded the reservoir's volume to mitigate area flooding. Approximately 107 structures were removed from various floodplain intervals, while more than 2,000 structures along Buffalo Creek and the main stem of the Des Plaines River receive some form of flood reduction benefit. Through a collaborative process with the LCFPD and Buffalo Grove, the project design incorporated LCFPD's planned improvements while offering increased stormwater protection for Buffalo Grove and surrounding communities. The MWRD expanded the reservoir by excavating over 300,000 cubic yards of material.

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Established in 1889, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) is an award-winning, special purpose government agency responsible for wastewater treatment and stormwater management in Cook County, Illinois. Learn more at mwr.org.