Nearly $10 million in funds from FEMA and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) will help the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) complete a critical project that reduces overbank flooding for six west suburban communities.

The $77 million Addison Creek Channel Improvement Project, approved by the MWRD Board of Commissioners on July 13, is the second phase of work to accompany a 195-million-gallon reservoir the MWRD is nearing completion in Bellwood. Between the reservoir and channel improvements, the MWRD can alleviate public health and safety concerns by reducing overbank flooding to approximately 2,200 properties along the creek from Northlake to Broadview, including 1,700 properties anticipated to be removed from the regulatory floodplain. Now thanks to $9.9 million from the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), the MWRD is one huge step closer to breaking ground on the ambitious project. Read more here: https://www.fema.gov/press-release/20230628/fema-awards-99m-greater-chicago-flood-reduction-project-addison-creek.

“We thank FEMA and Illinois Emergency Management Agency for their generous support and Hazard Mitigation Grant funding that will allow us to complete the Addison Creek Channel Improvement Project,” said MWRD President Kari K. Steele. “As recent record rainfall can attest, every bit of investment will go a long way to protecting our communities, and this major investment from FEMA demonstrates their commitment and partnership to addressing climate change and stormwater management.”

The HMGP funds will help the MWRD to lower, widen and stabilize the existing Addison Creek channel to allow for a higher flow of water to pass through during a flooding event, and protect neighboring residents and businesses in Bell-
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