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MWRD issues permit to Olympia Fields for sanitary sewer lateral lining project in Graymoor Subdivision

On Nov. 5, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) Chairman of Finance Mariyana Spyropoulos joined Olympia Fields mayor Debbie Meyers-Martin, Congresswoman Robin Kelly, State Senator Toi Hutchinson and other leaders to break ground on the construction of the Graymoor Subdivision sanitary sewer lateral lining project.

This project is authorized under Section 219 of the U.S. Water Resources Development Act which allows the Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to assist local governments in planning, designing, and constructing water-related projects. USACE is contributing 75 percent and the village is contributing 25 percent of the \$563,000 construction cost. The total amount for the job is approximately \$1.5 million. Performance Pipelining, Inc. was awarded the contract in September.

“District staff worked quickly to issue the permit so work could begin in a timely manner,” said Commissioner Spyropoulos. “We are thrilled the city and Army Corps are working together on this project. The District would like for this partnership to serve as a model for all separate sewer communities to reduce sanitary sewer overflow and basement backups during major rain storms.”

The Army Corps gave Olympia Fields a grant to repair lateral lines in the public right-of-way. The remaining laterals on private property will be paid for with Village Corporate funds.



In the photo (L-R): Bill Pennington, Graymoor Homeowners Association; Russ Prekwas, CEO, Robinson Engineering; Commissioner Mariyana Spyropoulos, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District; State Sen. Toi Hutchinson; Lt. Col. Kevin Lovell, deputy commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Debbie Meyers-Martin, village president, Olympia Fields; Rep. Robin Kelly, Illinois 2nd District; Olympia Fields Trustee Bob Waite; State Rep. Anthony Deluka; and Shelly Flanery, Performance Pipelining.

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