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Harwood Heights, MWRD host public meeting for stormwater management

With funding and support from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD), the village of Harwood Heights is building on the work that has been completed to date to reduce flooding in the community. Harwood Heights is working with the MWRD to create a comprehensive stormwater management master plan that will include a variety of solutions to address flooding.

MWRD and Harwood Heights are hosting the first of three public meetings this year on:

Thursday, July 9, 2015
Harwood Heights Village Hall
7300 W. Wilson Avenue, Harwood Heights
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

The public meeting will be held in an open house format. At a variety of stations, representatives seek public input, explain how water flows through the community, and discuss problem areas. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about green infrastructure methods and share ideas about how the community can work together to reduce flooding within the village.

The stormwater management master plan is expected to be complete in 2016 and will include:

- A list of potential projects and actions to reduce flood impacts in Harwood Heights. Solutions to be considered will include both traditional stormwater projects and innovative solutions, such as green infrastructure
- A range of solutions that can be implemented at many levels (individual lot, block, neighborhood or community)

The community will be given multiple opportunities to provide input through surveys, public meetings and at various events throughout the year. The stormwater management master plan project team began the study by surveying residents earlier this year to better understand their preferences for combating flooding and to identify solutions. For more information visit www.harwoodheights.org and www.mwrdd.org.

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