



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District *of* Greater Chicago

# Media Advisory

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## Village of Skokie, MWRD and Skokie Park District to hold ribbon cutting ceremony

**WHO:** Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD), Village of Skokie and Skokie Park District

**WHAT:** Ribbon-cutting ceremony of two projects to reduce flooding in Skokie

**WHERE:** Devonshire Park, 4422 Greenwood St., Skokie

**WHEN:** 10 a.m., Tuesday, August 7, 2018

At 10 a.m. on Tuesday, August 7, 2018, the Village of Skokie, MWRD and Skokie Park District will be cutting the ceremonial ribbon to celebrate the completion of two projects to reduce flooding in Skokie. The Village of Skokie designed and constructed a rain garden in Devonshire Park and a naturalized detention area at the Skokie Police Headquarters.

The improvements in Devonshire Park provide much needed flood relief to properties around Greenwood Street, Kenneth Terrace, Kilbourn Avenue and other areas near Devonshire Park and provides a calculated Design Retention Capacity (DRC) of 13,417 gallons. In addition, the Village's improvements at the Police Headquarters, located at 7300 Niles Center Road, provides a calculated DRC of 33,008 gallons.

The green infrastructure installations at the two locations combined provide a total DRC of 46,425 gallons. The projects also provide educational opportunities for local property owners on the benefits of green infrastructure, and the Village will perpetually operate and maintain the projects.

The estimated total cost of the improvements was \$400,000, and the MWRD is contributing approximately \$200,000.

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