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MWRD flood control project to break ground and deliver assistance to Midlothian, Oak Forest

Who: The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD), Village of Midlothian, City of Oak Forest

What: The MWRD is formally breaking ground on the construction of the Natalie Creek flood control project to mitigate flooding concerns for residents of Midlothian and Oak Forest.

Where: 149th Street and Kilpatrick Avenue, Midlothian, Ill.

When: Monday, November 19, 2018, 3 p.m

The MWRD's Natalie Creek flood control project will address overbank flooding by upsizing restrictive culverts, widening the channel at several locations, and creating a new stormwater storage basin along Natalie Creek.

The project will increase the level of protection to existing residential and commercial structures that are prone to flooding in frequent storm events. During a 100-year storm event, the improvements will provide flood reduction benefits for 237 structures affected by overbank flooding along Natalie Creek north of the Central Park Detention Basin in Oak Forest, between Natalie Drive and Long Avenue, to 146th Street and Pulaski Road in Midlothian.

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Established in 1889, the MWRD (www.mwr.org) is an award winning, special purpose government agency responsible for wastewater treatment and stormwater management in Cook County, Illinois.