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MWRD, La Grange introduce new permeable parking lots

Green lots manage stormwater, protect community, promote business and sustainability

WHO: The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) and village of La Grange

WHAT: Officials with the MWRD and La Grange will celebrate the completion of two new permeable parking lots with a ribbon cutting to unveil new infrastructure designed to retain more stormwater and protect the community from flooding.

WHERE: 53 S. LaGrange Rd., La Grange, IL

WHEN: Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 9 a.m.

MWRD commissioners and staff will join village officials from La Grange to celebrate the completion of two public parking lots that will protect the community from stormwater. The two lots, separated by about a block, represent a new collaborative approach to improving public amenities, while also addressing the environment and increased awareness for green infrastructure. The lots at 53 S. LaGrange Rd. and 20 W. Harris Ave. in La Grange will mitigate flooding in the face of changing weather patterns for future generations. The green infrastructure installations use interlocking concrete permeable pavers that will provide a total design retention capacity of nearly 95,000 gallons of stormwater per rain event, absorbing more water and reducing runoff each time it storms. Through this partnership, the MWRD committed nearly half the total cost of $500,000 to complete the lots. The ribbon cutting will coincide with the village's popular weekly farmer's market.

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