



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

# Media Advisory

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## MWRD, Riverside to introduce new permeable parking lot

*Commuter lot and rain garden protect Riverside from stormwater and enhance business district*

**WHO:** The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) and Village of Riverside

**WHAT:** Officials with the MWRD and Riverside will unveil a new permeable parking lot and rain garden that work to retain more stormwater and protect the community from flooding.

**WHERE:** Metra Parking Lot, 90 Bloomingbank Road, Riverside, IL

**WHEN:** Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 11 a.m.

MWRD commissioners and staff will join Riverside officials to celebrate the reconstruction of a popular commuter parking lot with permeable pavers and installation of a rain garden that compliments existing green space and will focus on sustainable practices to manage increasing stormwater. The parking lot and rain garden are positioned at the center of the village alongside the Riverside Metra train station at Bloomingbank and Barrypoint Roads. Both areas were overhauled to reduce the current load of water to the combined sewer system, retain more stormwater, mitigate flooding and improve area water quality. The project will provide more than 237,000 gallons of stormwater storage per rain event, and in the process, educate local property owners and commuters on the benefits of green infrastructure. The MWRD agreed to fund up to approximately \$560,000 toward the estimated \$1.1 million construction project.



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