



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

# Media Advisory

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## Achieving Resilience: MWRD, Palos Heights and Cook County Forest Preserves to mark completion of Arrowhead Lake project

**WHO:** The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) Board of Commissioners and staff, Cook County Forest Preserve District leaders and City of Palos Heights officials

**WHAT:** Officials will gather at Arrowhead Lake in the Cook County Forest Preserves to celebrate the completion of a flood control project that protects Palos Heights residents by removing 70 structures from the 100-year flood plain.

**WHERE:** Arrowhead Lake, 7016 W. 135th St., in the Forest Preserves of Cook County, in parking lot closest to south end of lake.

**WHEN:** Friday, May 13, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. (This event was originally set for May 3 but was rained out)

A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held to commemorate the completion of the MWRD's Arrowhead Lake Flood Control Project. The work at Arrowhead Lake increases floodwater storage by more than 13 million gallons in the Forest Preserves of Cook County by replacing an existing dam and raising an existing bicycle trail along the lake in unincorporated Cook County near Palos Heights. Through these efforts, the MWRD removed 70 structures from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Zone A flood plain in Palos Heights. On March 11, 2022, the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map was officially revised, providing protection, peace of mind and cost savings for current and future residents of Palos Heights. In addition to removing structures from the 100-year flood plain, this collaborative project restored and improved forest preserve amenities at Arrowhead Lake.



**Flood Control Project at Arrowhead Lake**

**Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**  
Friday, May 13 at 11:30 a.m.

*Please join the*  
**Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, City of Palos Heights, and the Forest Preserves of Cook County**  
*at a*  
**RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY**  
*for the*  
**Flood Control Project at Arrowhead Lake**  
**7016 West 135th Street**  
in unincorporated Cook County near Palos Heights, Ill.  
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