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MWRD, partners to cut ribbon on Addison Creek reservoir, kick off channel improvements, to provide flood relief for six communities

Addison Creek Reservoir Partners: The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD); villages of Bellwood, Stone Park, Melrose Park, Westchester and Broadview; city of Northlake; U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); Cook County; IHC Construction Co, LLC.

Addison Creek Channel Improvement Partners:

MWRD; villages of Bellwood, Stone Park, Melrose Park, Westchester and Broadview; city of Northlake; Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security (IEMA); Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); Judlau Contracting, Inc.

WHAT: Partners are cutting the ribbon on the Addison Creek Reservoir and kicking off work on the Addison Creek Channel Improvement project to protect neighboring communities from flooding.

WHERE: Addison Creek Reservoir, 2795 Washington Blvd., Bellwood, Ill. (*Park along Washington Blvd.*)

WHEN: Friday, August 11, 2023 at 11 a.m.



The MWRD and partners are marking the completion of the first phase of a major flood control project to benefit six communities in the west suburbs along Addison Creek. After four years of site remediation, utility relocations and rigorous construction, the MWRD completed the 600-acre-foot Addison Creek Reservoir designed to capture 195 million gallons of stormwater and overbank flooding from Addison Creek. The ribbon cutting will formally recognize this milestone and kick off the next phase of channel improvements that will achieve full flood reduction benefits. The Addison Creek Reservoir along with the Addison Creek Channel Improvements will help alleviate public health and safety concerns by reducing overbank flooding to approximately 2,200 structures along the creek and remove an estimated 1,700 structures from the floodplain.

The MWRD was able to advance these projects thanks to critical funding from several partners. The reservoir received a \$5 million grant from the Cook County Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program via Cook County. The channel improvements received a \$9.9 million grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program through the Illinois Emergency Management Agency. Read more about the project at <https://mwrdd.org/addison-creek-reservoir-and-channel-improvements> and watch a video here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XuBZe8WdaoQ>.

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