



Media Release

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) **Awards Village of Homer Glen** **Section 319 Grant Funding for Heritage Park Project**

Homer Glen, (May 5, 2017)

The Village of Homer Glen was informed that the Village's Section 319 application for funding has been approved. Illinois EPA receives these funds through Section 319(h) of the Clean Water Act and administers the program within the State of Illinois.

The Village will receive \$521,704 in grant funding, covering 60% of the total project cost for water quality and drainage-related work on the Heritage Park site. This work will reduce stormwater volume and nonpoint source pollution discharged to Long Run Creek by converting two of the existing ponds into two expanded, large stormwater wetlands (totaling 26.7 acres) as well as the construction of a 950 foot long bio swale (approximately 4,750 square feet). Construction of the wetland basins and bio swale will include excavation and the installation of deep-rooted native vegetation and wetland plantings and will be designed to filter, retain, and infiltrate stormwater.

A comprehensive drainage study was conducted in November 2015 to identify the frequency and location of flooding and to propose potential solutions to address the flooding in various subdivisions surrounding Heritage Park, including features that will improve water quality within the Long Run Creek Watershed.

Construction of Phase I of the Village's Heritage Park is expected to begin this summer. Phase I will include the detention basins and bio swales, site grading, construction of the Village green open lawn area, the main west parking lot, the site roadway and the main multipurpose path around the perimeter of the park.

If you have any questions, please call Village Hall at 708-301-0632 or email village@homerglenil.org.

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