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### **North Ave Flood Alleviation Project Nears Completion**

Glendale Heights, Illinois (August 3, 2017) – Construction of the Village’s North Avenue Flood Alleviation Project is nearly complete. The project consisted of construction of two new detention ponds near the intersection of Highland Avenue and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, dredging and beautification of the James Court pond and installation of additional storm water capacity at the entrance to the Glendale Square Shopping Plaza along North Avenue. The Village, along with assistance from Christopher B. Burke Engineering, successfully implemented this project with participation from various permitting agencies and cooperation of business owners and nearby residents. Construction began in March 2017 and is nearly complete and exceeds our expectations.

This project began in 2011 when a Preliminary Engineering Report was prepared to improve storm water drainage for properties in the vicinity of North Avenue and Glen Ellyn Road. The Glendale Square Shopping Center and the residential property around the James Court pond experienced severe flooding during the storm events in September 2008 and July 2010. The Village applied for and received federal funds through a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The Village received up to \$1,376,100 federal dollars to pay for project costs. In addition, the DuPage County Community Development Block Grant program contributed \$400,000 to cover a majority of the Village’s financial share of the project. This infrastructure and beautification project will help drainage during heavy rain events and reduce the likelihood of future flooding. The

Village's pursuit of grant funds to assist with implementation of this project has significantly reduced the financial burden on its residents and tax payers. The total project cost is approximately \$2.0 million. Thank you to all of those who contributed to this important Village project.

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