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Redmond Reservoir Expansion Project Benefits Bensenville Residents and Local Communities in Recent Heavy Rainfall

Bensenville, IL – Last summer, the Village and DuPage County went through an extensive expansion project at Redmond Reservoir which created nearly 6.5 million gallons of additional capacity. Because of high amounts of precipitation in the last few weeks, this project proved to be successful, saving Bensenville and surrounding areas from extensive water damage to properties.

During the last few weeks, DuPage County received several inches of snow melt and over 7 inches of rain causing oversaturated ground and overloaded storm sewer systems. During this time, the Redmond Reservoir was able to utilize nearly all of its 6.5 million gallons of additional capacity. This project helped reduce the amount of flooded streets, seepage into homes, and flooding in downstream communities. Typically this much rain would have overflowed the reservoir but, with the expansion last summer, there was sufficient capacity to handle the stormwater. The added capacity also allowed the Village to delay its pumping operations, which provide a direct benefit to the downstream areas. Additionally, the recreational uses of the Redmond Park were also intact as almost all the walking paths and basketball courts were still functional.

“Because of the extensive work done to expand the Redmond Reservoir last summer, Bensenville residents, businesses, and surrounding communities avoided major water seepage and flooding issues. This was a great example of how investing in stormwater infrastructure can help improve quality of life for residents and help protect properties from extensive damage,” said Village President Frank DeSimone.

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(View of how full the Redmond Reservoir had gotten after several weeks of precipitation.)

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(This sign is displayed in Redmond Park and outlines the timeline, oversight, cost, funding, and scope of work that was included in the Redmond Expansion Project.)

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