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Mr. Peter Tsiolis
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Dear Mr. Tsiolis:

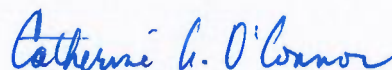
Subject: Update on the Addison Creek Reservoir and Channel Improvements

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) is currently working on the final design for the Addison Creek Reservoir and Channel Improvements. The proposed project involves the construction of an approximately 600 acre-foot reservoir along with channel improvements through six municipalities (Northlake, Melrose Park, Stone Park, Westchester, Bellwood, and Broadview). The project will reduce flooding to approximately 2,200 properties along Addison Creek, providing approximately \$116 million of flood relief benefits for communities along Addison Creek. We are tentatively planning to award a construction contract for the reservoir in late 2017, and a construction contract for the channel improvements will follow after. Before bidding the reservoir contract, MWRD needs to complete the design, obtain necessary permits, and right-of-way.

While MWRD is preparing final contract documents for the reservoir construction, we are planning to perform some site preparation work at the reservoir site. MWRD recently obtained ownership of the 21-acre property at 2795 Washington Boulevard in Bellwood for the reservoir. The previous property owner did not complete building demolition and site cleanup work, and we are currently working to get a contractor on site by early Summer to complete the remaining demolition and clean-up work. It is anticipated that this work would take up to three months to complete. MWRD will also be working with ComEd, AT&T, and Nicor to relocate some of the existing utilities to accommodate the reservoir construction.

We are very pleased to partner with the Village on this project that will address flooding in several communities along Addison Creek, and are convinced that collaborative efforts like these will improve the quality of life throughout Cook County. We are especially grateful to the Village of Bellwood for your continued cooperation. Please contact Mr. Michael Cosme at (312) 751-3092 if you require any further information.

Very truly yours,



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