

# NEIGHBORHOOD STORAGE PROJECT PHASE 1

Following six years of study and an intensive public education campaign, the Wilmette Board of Trustees voted on April 17, 2018 to pursue the Neighborhood Storage Project to address flooding issues for residents who live west of Ridge Rd. Subsequent Village Board meetings have included discussion on refinement and optimization of this project to provide flood reduction benefits to 98% of residents on the west side of Wilmette that are currently vulnerable to flooding.

The Neighborhood Storage Project consists of new underground stormwater storage facilities at the following parks:

- Community Playfield (2020)
- Hibbard Park (2021)
- Thornwood Park (2022)

These storage facilities will work together with new larger diameter storm sewers on several Village streets to reduce overland flooding. It is estimated that the project will be constructed in 4 phases over the next 3 years.

Phase 1 includes work related to the Community Playfield underground storage vault and surrounding neighborhood storm sewer installation to be constructed in 2020. Additional optimized storm sewers are being considered on Hunter Rd and Washington Ave in the Summer of 2021.

The areas to be completed during Phase 1:

#### Spring/Summer 2020

- Wilshire Dr (N of Glenview Rd to Wilmette Ave)
- Wilmette Ave (Wilshire Dr to Meadow Dr)
- Meadow Dr (Wilmette Ave to N Meadow Dr)

#### Summer 2020

- Highcrest Middle School
- Community Playfield

#### Summer 2021 (Tentative)

- Hunter Rd (Illinois Rd to Birchwood Ave)
- Washington Ave (Hunter Rd to Pinecrest Ln)

For additional information visit:

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**The Village of Wilmette  
Invites You to Our Public Open House  
for the**

## **Neighborhood Storage Project Phase 1**

**We are holding this Open House prior to construction so we can introduce the project to you, explain the construction plan and answer any questions.**

**Public Open House  
Village of Wilmette  
Public Works Training Room  
711 Laramie Avenue  
Wilmette, IL 60091**

**Thursday, March 19, 2020 - Between 5PM and 7PM**

- *Informal Open House*
- *Arrive Between 5PM and 7PM*
- *Exhibits Available for Viewing*
- *Meet Representatives from the Project Team*
- *Your Questions will be Answered*
- *Additional Questions can be emailed to [wsnsp@cbbel.com](mailto:wsnsp@cbbel.com)*
- *Please visit the website ([www.wsnsp.com](http://www.wsnsp.com)) to sign up for periodic updates on the project.*
- *Responses to Common Questions on Reverse Side*



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## I live near Community Playfield, what can I expect?

Most of the vault installation will occur over the Summer recess. This aggressive schedule means the Contractor may have to work longer days and on weekends. The work zone will be protected with an 8-ft tall fence and the Contractor will provide dust control measures.

The Village has established truck routes for the project to minimize local road impacts. Trucks will be limited to major roads such as Lake Ave, Illinois Rd, Hunter Rd, and Glenview Rd. Primary access into the playfield will be through Highcrest Middle School parking lot during the Summer recess. If construction runs past the Summer recess, a secondary access point will be made through Birchwood Ave.

## What will happen with the existing cottonwood grove at Community Playfield?

The Contractor will coordinate with the Village Foresters to install temporary construction fencing around the cottonwood grove to prevent damage to the trees from any construction operations, materials or equipment.

## What about the new storm sewers for this area?

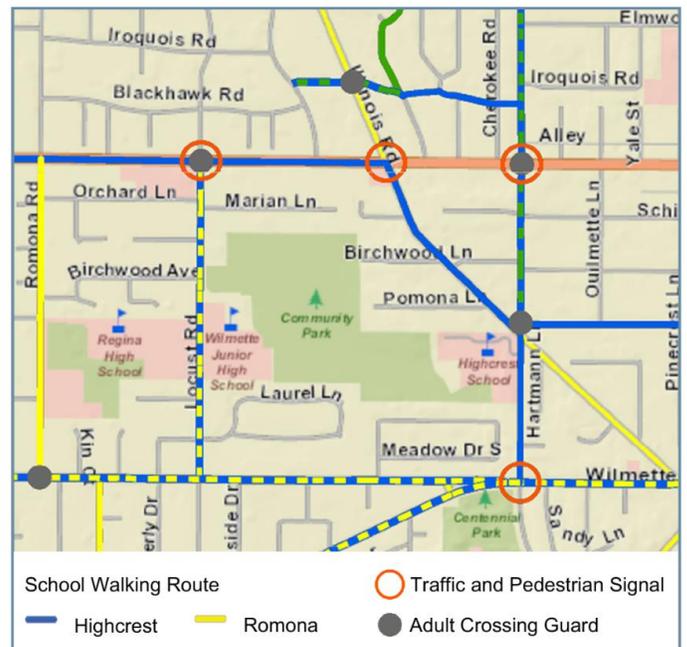
Large diameter storm sewers will be installed on Meadow Dr, Wilmette Ave, and Wilshire Dr. These sewers will allow storm water from the adjacent neighborhood to drain into and out of the new vault. Storm sewer work is anticipated to begin Spring of 2020. Temporary detours will be required as the large pipes are installed on Wilmette Ave.

Prior to neighborhood storm sewer work, all impacted residents will be notified before construction begins and throughout the construction phase. Detour routes will be shared as work approaches.

## What areas of Community Playfield will be impacted and when will the park reopen?

Only the southeastern portion of the park will be under construction from April 2020 - November 2020. The disturbed area will be restored with sod or grass seed in the Fall of 2020. The new grass requires time to establish roots, so it is anticipated that the entire playfield will be open to the public in the Spring of 2021.

The bike path connecting Highcrest Middle School and Wilmette Junior High will remain open until mid-June, after which the bike path will be closed until the project is complete (November 2020). During this time students should utilize the established District 39 Safe Walking Route.



To view the entire District 39 Safe Walking Route, visit the Map Gallery from [www.wilmette.com](http://www.wilmette.com) and click on the Bicycle and Walking Routes map.

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