

## **Deer Creek - Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What work is planned for this year (2019)?**

- A map showing the project locations where work is planned in 2019 is available [HERE](#).
- Project A: Remove brush and trees along the creek and perform general clean-up
- Project B: Regrade the channel connecting the two detention basins
- Project C: Disconnect White Fawn rear yard drainage from the detention basin storm sewer. Provide a separate storm sewer from the rear yards of White Fawn to St. Joseph Creek
- Project D: Elevate berm height at east pond to reduce the frequency of overtopping

### **Projects A-D are a start, what is the long-term solution to the flooding in Deer Creek?**

- The St. Joseph Creek Watershed Study undertaken by the County (with input from Lisle, Downers Grove and Westmont) will identify potential improvements to flooding within the Watershed.

### **The plan presented at the meeting for projects in 2019 was very conceptual. How will we know what work will be done and when the work will start?**

- A resident meeting will be held when the plans are about 50% complete with additional details. Letters will be sent to all Deer Creek residents adjacent to the proposed projects for the meeting.

### **Who maintains the creek within 56th Street?**

- The Village of Downers Grove maintains St. Joseph Creek. Residents have historically mowed the grass between the creek bank and the curb.

### **Who monitors the camera at Hill and Grand?**

- The Village has a Scada system that provides both a camera and alarms set for various water depths. In addition, Public Works employees check on this area regularly.

### **Why is the Village not performing silt removal from (dredging) the creek?**

- This may be considered as part of the County study. A substantial amount of permitting would be required to perform this work.

### **Who will perform maintenance of new storm sewer (connection from back yards to the creek) as part of Project C? What about existing storm sewers in the back yards that connect into the new storm sewer line?**

- The Village will own and maintain the new trunk-line storm sewer associated with Project C (the connection to the creek). Any secondary (private) lines in the rear yards (the east/west connection to the main storm sewer) will be the responsibility of the homeowners. Private lines may qualify for the Village's Stormwater Cost-Share Program. Details about the program here:  
<http://www.downers.us/res/stormwater-management/stormwater-improvement-cost-share-program>

### **The storm sewer behind the properties on White Fawn is full of dirt. Will the Village fix this as part of the project?**

- The Village will work with the homeowners to make sure the storm sewer functions. However, storm sewers on private property are the responsibility of the homeowner to maintain.

**Why can't more water be diverted through the western properties toward Fairview to get to Barth Pond faster?**

- State of Illinois and DuPage County drainage laws state the Village cannot divert water and have a negative impact on existing properties. The County's study will review improvement options and take into consideration what options could be permitted.

**The property on the west side of Fairview is for sale. What will happen if this property is developed? Why doesn't the Village buy the property?**

- The Village does not know what entity may purchase the Swim and Racquet Club site, nor does the Village know what may be proposed on this site. The current zoning of the property is residential - R3 - which allows single family homes on a minimum lot size of 10,500 square feet. Any new development will need to comply with all applicable Stormwater Ordinances, including compensatory storage for any fill in the floodplain and no development in the floodway.