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This program was developed in compliance with the requirements of the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) General Permit No. ILM580014. The primary objective of this program is to inform the public in the event of combined sewer overflows.

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) has flow monitoring equipment installed at 42 CSO outfalls along the Des Plaines River, including the seven City of Park Ridge outfalls. In addition, the MWRD has created a public notification plan that includes signage at the outfalls, a web page to inform the public of CSO occurrences, and an email address book of interested parties.

In the interest of avoiding a redundancy of efforts, the MWRD has invited TARP municipalities to use the MWRD Public Notification Plan for their public notification compliance. Given that both of the City's outfalls are currently monitored by the MWRD, the City agrees that the MWRD's public notification program largely meets the City's requirements. To complement the MWRD's program, the City of Park Ridge includes

- A link from the City of Park Ridge website to the MWRD CSO web page.
- Signage, adhering to the MWRD developed specifications, at the City-maintained outfalls.
- Coordinate with the MWRD regarding the flow monitoring data such that the City will be aware of any combined sewer overflows. The City Engineer shall at all times keep the Mayor, and/or his appointee, informed of any dangerous condition that may exist. Should the city administration consider the condition to be an "emergency," then the City's Emergency Operation Plan shall be implemented.
- Visual inspection of outfalls after 0.2" of rain and during monthly dry spells.

Attached:

MWRD Combined Sewer Overflow Public Notification Plan