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RE: WARRENVILLE ROAD BRIDGE

Gentlemen:

In the September 20, 2011 letter from DuPage County Chairman Cronin and Stormwater Management Committee Chairman Zay, we understand that DuPage County Division of Transportation (DuDOT) staff has reviewed the City's request to remove the accumulated sediment and debris in the west cell of the Warrenville Road Bridge.

DuDOT has determined that they would prefer to use the County's funds to begin engineering for a replacement structure as early as possible, even before an engineering contract would be approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for cost-sharing. In other words, DuDOT would fund engineering at 100% prior to approval of the Phase I design engineering contract by IDOT.

The City understands and appreciates DuDOT's position and approach to utilizing limited County funds toward this project. As such, please note the following:

1. Improvements to the highly restrictive Warrenville Road bridge are perhaps the key element to the flood mitigation projects identified in the "*preferred alternative*" projects identified in the Addendum to the Watershed Plan for the West Branch DuPage River. This project is a high priority for the City of Warrenville.
2. The City understands the County's desire to spend money in a responsible manner, and therefore accepts the County's proposal to spend the money on Phase I Engineering design for the bridge in lieu of cleaning the west cell of the bridge.

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3. If the bridge replacement does not qualify for federal funding and the County does not actively move forward with the implementation of the bridge replacement project in the next four (4) years or if the County makes a decision not to fund the preliminary engineering design work for the bridge replacement project in the next four (4) months, then the City respectfully requests that the County will actively work to maximize the flow through the existing bridge by cleaning out the area under the bridge and working with the upstream and downstream property owners to remove the sediment and debris that has accumulated outside of County right-of-way and now restricts the river flow immediately north and south of the bridge.

Please keep us abreast of the status of the bridge, especially as it relates to news of federal funding or any decisions related to proceeding with the project as a whole or any component of the project. The City of Warrenville appreciates DuPage County's work thus far on the projects identified as the "*preferred alternative*" from the Addendum to the Watershed Plan and we look forward to continued coordination on the implementation of these important projects (including Warrenville Road bridge) that will have a positive impact on flood conditions in the City.

If there is any information you require from the City, please don't hesitate to contact Community Development Director Ron Mentzer or Senior Civil Engineer Phil Kuchler at (630) 393-9050.

Sincerely,


Mayor David Brummel

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