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Mr. Anthony J. Charlton, P.E.
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RE: REQUEST FOR STATUS OF COUNTY EFFORTS ON VARIOUS
WEST BRANCH DUPAGE RIVER ITEMS

Dear Tony:

Thank you for all of your efforts thus far on the design and public coordination on the “*preferred alternative*” projects identified in the Addendum to the Watershed Plan for the West Branch DuPage River. We look forward to continued cooperation on those projects.

The City received the September 20, 2011 letter from DuPage County Chairman Cronin and Stormwater Management Committee Chairman Zay. City elected officials and staff appreciated the opportunity to discuss the details of this letter in person with you and Chairman Zay. Our City Council is requesting an update on the following items included in the September 20, 2011 letter:

1. City Concern #3, Request C – What is the status of the County’s efforts to obtain funding to complete the City’s project to install backflow prevention equipment on the City’s Main Street storm sewer outlet to the West Branch DuPage River?
2. City Concern #4, Request E – What is the status of i. the United States Geological Survey contract with the County to develop a flood forecast model for the West Branch; and ii. the County’s request to the National Weather Service to develop a flood forecast point for the West Branch in Warrenville?
3. City Concern #5, Request A – What is the status of the County’s efforts to the operational modifications to Fawell Dam to leave the gates open to the largest opening reach for each individual storm event until the flood pool drains, including coordination with the City of Naperville and the appropriate documentation that will be required of the State of Illinois?
4. City Concern #5, Request B – What is the status of the County’s efforts to re-evaluate and adjust the operating plan of Fawell Dam to increase conveyance of flood waters in the early stages of large storm events to full channel flow through

the City of Naperville without flooding properties in Naperville, including coordination with the City of Naperville and the appropriate documentation that will be required of the State of Illinois?

5. City Concern #5, Request D – Please confirm that Fawell Dam will be illuminated during the entire operation sequence for a given storm, whether County staff is onsite or not.
6. City Concern #5, Request H – City staff has reviewed the County's updated website recently and would still like to see enhanced graphics added to the site depicting the gates in operation during various phases of the storm and relative flood pool elevations. City staff has previously provided examples of such graphics to the County and can provide those again. Please provide an update on the status of adding this or similar information to the County's website.

Please provide an update on the items described above at your earliest convenience. City staff would like to provide an update to our City Council at our January 9, 2012 Committee of the Whole Meeting if possible. If there is any information you require from the City, please don't hesitate to contact me or Senior Civil Engineer Phil Kuchler at (630) 393-9050.

Sincerely,



Ronald Mentzer

Community Development Director

Cc: Mayor Brummel
City Council
John Coakley, City Administrator
Mike Smith, P.W. Superintendent
Phil Kuchler, Sr. Civil Engineer