

CITY OF WARRENVILLE

MEMO

To: Members of the Environmental Advisory Commission
From: Lauren Whetstone, Planner/GIS Technician 
Subject: JULY 2020 STAFF REPORT
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2020 Water Quality Report

Strategic Plan Goal #4: City Infrastructure and #5: Public Safety

This year, as in years past, Warrenville tap water met all United States Environmental Protection Act (USEPA) drinking water health standards. The City vigilantly safeguards the system and water supply and had no violation of a contaminant level or any other water quality standard in 2019. As per the requirements of the *Federal Safe Drinking Water Act*, and to inform the customers about the source and safety of Warrenville's drinking water, the report was made available on the City's website, in the May edition of Hometown Happenings, and sent to Warrenville's water customers.

Annual Shredding and Electronic Recycling Event Update

Due to the unknown length of time the COVID-19 restrictions will be in place, a decision has been made to cancel this year's shredding day and electronic recycling event. The event that was scheduled to take place on May 9th at Bower School, but will not be rescheduled.

Prescription Drug Recycling Program Update

After reopening the Police Department front lobby to the public on June 8th, one drug recycling program pickup was made for the month of June from the medication drop box. A total of 19 pounds of medication (weighed in their containers) was removed by the contracted company for safe disposal.

Facility Pollution Prevention Webinar

Strategic Plan Goal #3: Open Space and Environment

On June 10, Engineering and Public Works staff attended a Facility Pollution Prevention webinar hosted by DuPage County Stormwater Management. Topics included best practices for pollution prevention in Public Works facilities, salt storage management, and material management retrofits. The training is required as part of the City's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit through the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

Walkability and Health Webinar

Strategic Plan Goal #3: Open Space and Environment

On June 11, Community Development Department planning staff attended a webinar hosted by the Maryland Department of Planning and the Smart Growth Network on the tools and techniques communities can use to improve walkability and therefore the strength, vibrancy, and resiliency of their community. The webinar featured interactive presentations from two of the nation's leading walkability experts, Dan Burden and Mark Fenton of Blue Zones.

Cerny Park Open

With the northeast region of Illinois moving into Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois plan, and the Warrenville Park District and other nearby park districts opening up parks and playgrounds, the City has fully re-opened Cerny Park, for use under the requirements associated with Phase 4 of Restore Illinois. The bathrooms are cleaned daily during the week and have soap dispensers. The rest of the park facilities will not be cleaned or disinfected, other than the normal emptying of garbage cans.

DuPage County Landfill/Blackwell Forest Preserve

The City was notified by a resident this week about a media release from the U.S. EPA, announcing a proposal to delete (remove) the DuPage County Landfill, located at Blackwell Forest Preserve from the Superfund list. Commonly known as Mount Hoy, the landfill was classified as an EPA Superfund site around 1990. A copy of July 9, 2020, media release is attached. Public comments on this matter are due to the EPA by August 7, 2020.

Upcoming Meetings and Dates to Remember:

July	23	7:00 p.m.	Plan Commission/ZBA
	27	7:00 p.m.	Public Safety & Finance Committee
	28	7:00 p.m.	Board of Fire and Police Commission
Aug	03	7:00 p.m.	City Council meeting
	04	5:00 p.m.	National Night Out – POSTPONED TO OCTOBER 6
	06	7:00 p.m.	Plan Commission/ZBA
	07	5:00 p.m.	Summer Daze – CANCELLED
	08	8:00 a.m.	Summer Daze – CANCELLED
	10	7:00 p.m.	Public Works & Infrastructure Committee
	11	6:30 p.m.	Police Pension Board
	13	7:00 p.m.	Tourism and Arts Commission

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News Releases from Region 05

EPA proposes to Delete DuPage County Landfill/Blackwell Forest Preserve from Superfund list

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WARRENVILLE, Ill. (July 9, 2020) — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking public comment on its proposal to delete the DuPage County Landfill/Blackwell Forest Preserve Superfund Site in Warrenville from the National Priorities List (NPL). EPA has determined that the required cleanup is complete and no further remediation is necessary to protect human health and the environment. The agency will take public comments on the proposed deletion until Aug. 7, 2020.

“This administration continues to make good on its commitment to pick up the pace of Superfund cleanups,” **said EPA Regional Administrator Kurt Thiede.** “Now that this cleanup is done, visitors can better enjoy nature and recreation at the Blackwell Forest Preserve.”

The 40-acre DuPage County Landfill/Blackwell Forest Preserve Superfund Site is located within the 1,200-acre Blackwell Forest Preserve. The landfill accepted waste between 1965 and 1973. Known as Mt. Hoy, the waste and soil mountain rises 150 feet above the original ground surface. EPA placed the site on the National Priorities List in 1990.

EPA repaired the landfill cap, installed an extraction system, treated and disposed of the landfill leachate, and installed additional landfill gas vents. EPA continues to monitor the natural breakdown of groundwater contamination. Close cooperation between EPA, Illinois EPA, and the site's potentially responsible party enabled the Forest Preserve to address potential risks while maintaining public access to recreation and conservation activities.

The NPL tracks the nation's most contaminated sites that threaten human health or the environment. Sites on the list are eligible for cleanup under the Superfund program. EPA removes sites or parts of sites from the list once all the remedies are successfully implemented and no further cleanup, other than operation and maintenance, monitoring and five-year reviews, is required.

Today's proposed deletion is a result of EPA's continued focus to finish the job at Superfund sites. Under President Trump's leadership, EPA has increased the number of sites and properties deleted from the NPL.

For example, EPA deleted all or part of 27 sites from the NPL in FY 2019, the largest number of deletions in one year since 2001. While the site work on Superfund sites spans administrations, the Trump Administration is prioritizing both cleanup progress and cleanup completion. Deletions from the NPL are important because it announces to communities and signals to potential developers and financial institutions that cleanup in the deleted area is complete.

The public may submit comments until Aug. 7, 2020 via:

Online: <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-SFUND-1990-0010-0082>

For more information: <https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/cursites/csitinfo.cfm?id=0500606>

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