



FLOSSMOOR
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Flossmoor Road Viaduct Drainage Improvements Project

Project Timeline

- Planned basin construction in summer 2024, pending Flossmoor SD 161 agreement.
- Storm sewer construction between the basin and the viaduct will follow, aligning with each agency's required grant timelines.
- Impacts to viaduct traffic will not be the entire length of construction and will be minimized as much as possible.

Funding & Support

Project has been approved and supported by:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (\$1.5M received; \$1-\$2M application)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (\$200,000)
- Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (\$3M in grants)
- Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (\$208,000 + \$1M application)
- Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (\$492,000)
- Flossmoor Board of Trustees / voter-approved referendum / downtown property owners & businesses

Safety Benefits

- Basin will be a dry-bottom basin, similar to the basin located south of this location adjacent to Highlands Park.
- Helps prevent the closing of the viaduct to all vehicles, including Police & Fire, during flooding emergencies. The viaduct has been impacted often enough to hinder traffic flow or resulted in closing of the viaduct. When Flossmoor needs mutual aid during a storm, it is not uncommon for the resources of neighboring communities to also be delayed.

Flood Relief

- Provides a new retention basin that is long overdue for the Heather Hill neighborhood. Today's development standards would require a separate neighborhood detention area.
- Project will help prevent flooding and closure of a main road through the Village in the future, which may have increasing storm events.
- Project will help alleviate flooding in residents' homes, basements and yards.
- Although residents have experienced a significant improvement with the Berry Lane stormwater improvements, residents will not realize the full benefits of the Berry Lane Project without the construction of the proposed basin.

Economic Benefits

- Cost-benefit analysis performed through FEMA application showed a benefit to the downtown area of \$5.7 million over a 20-year period.
- Project will help protect the historic downtown district of Flossmoor, which is the foundation of our local economy providing local jobs, amenities for residents, and generating sales tax to support local services.
- Project will help protect buildings — including the original Civic Center — from further flooding damage, retaining local businesses.
- Project makes way for the upcoming streetscape improvements planned for 2025, which will boost interest and economic development of the area.