

## LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM: Dady Slough Flood Storage & Wetland Enhancement Project

### PROJECT SUMMARY

Property acquisition, excavation for flood storage, restoration of wetlands, and construction of public access areas in and around the Dady Slough along the boundary between Park City and Waukegan. Project will provide regional flood reduction benefits, reduce flood-related damages to transportation, infrastructure, homes, and businesses.

**PROJECT COST: \$4,000,000**

**TARGET CONSTRUCTION YEAR(S): 2022-2024**

### PROJECT STATUS

Preliminary Engineering Study completed in 2020. Final Project Scoping & Design to be completed in 2021-2022.



### PROJECT BENEFITS

- Increased flood storage capacity & detention in the Skokie River headwaters area.
- Reduce flooding which impacts transportation, health and safety during minor and major flood events.
- Reduce flood-related damages to public infrastructure (primary (2) & secondary (31) roads), residential & commercial property (863), and business disruption (25) which create financial and economic hardship.
- Wetland enhancements to improve water quality, food and habitat for fish and wildlife.
- Greater public access and opportunities for recreation, education, and research for residents and the Cristo Rey Magnet School students.
- The Lake County All-Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan identified flood storage and detention as a priority action for the North Branch of the Chicago River Watershed.



Lake County Stormwater Management Commission

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April 26, 2021

The Honorable Brad Schneider  
Representative of the 10th District of Illinois  
111 Barclay Blvd Suite 200  
Lincolnshire, Illinois 60069

Dear Congressman Schneider:

Cristo Rey St. Martin College Prep strongly supports the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission's proposal to the Homeland Security Community Project Funding (CPF) for a grant to fund the Dady Slough Flood Storage and Wetland Enhancement Project to reduce flooding in Waukegan and Park City.

This project aims to acquire and excavate the land known as the Dady Slough to increase flood storage capacity, restore and enhance the adjacent low-quality wetlands, and construct public access areas for residents and for our students and faculty. Besides the extremely important and necessary impact of reducing flooding in Waukegan and many neighboring communities, this project also offers an added educational component. Dady Slough borders the northwestern part of our campus property. If the Dady Slough Flood Storage and Wetland Enhancement Project is funded, Cristo Rey St. Martin College Prep will take ownership of this property and assume responsibility for maintaining the property after the project is completed. Cristo Rey St. Martin College Prep is excited to utilize this wetland enhancement for the potential educational benefits that will become available to our students and faculty such as participating in the restoration of native species, monitoring wildlife, studying water quality, etc. Our Science teachers are very excited about the many educational possibilities this project could provide, expanding our curriculum to include hands-on large-scale ecological education and stewardship.

We strongly support this grant application that focuses on reducing flood-related damages to transportation, infrastructure, homes, and businesses in Park City and enhances a wetland slough to provide new educational opportunities and passive recreation to our school and community.

Sincerely,

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Preston Kendall  
*President*



## ILLINOIS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

### OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

**JB Pritzker**  
Governor

**Alicia Tate-Nadeau**  
Director

April 8, 2021

The Honorable Brad Schneider  
Congressman, 10th District of Illinois  
1432 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Letter of Support; Lake County / FY2022 Homeland Security Appropriations  
/Public Safety and Flood Mitigation

Dear Congressman Schneider,

I am writing to express my strong support of the Lake County (IL) in its quest to secure \$74M in Public Safety, and \$30,995,410 in Flood Mitigation grant funding from the FY2022 Homeland Security Appropriations in the form of Community Project Funding grants.

This proposed funding would greatly benefit emergency management coordination and response across the State of Illinois for all hazards, including COVID-19, by providing funding to modernize facilities, equipment and technology for local Emergency Operation Centers, as well improve infrastructure to prevent flooding.

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency will continue to advocate for all jurisdictions, large and small, and offers our full support to this effort of the Lake County.

Thank you for your strong leadership and consideration of this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact IEMA Legislative Liaison Jennifer March at 217-557-4757.

Sincerely,

  
Alicia Tate-Nadeau  
Director



# City of Park City

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**Steve Pannell**  
Mayor

April 7, 2021

Executive Director  
Lake County Stormwater Management Commission

Kurt Woolford  
500 W. Winchester Road  
Libertyville, IL 60048

Dear Mr. Woolford:

I write on behalf of the City of Park City in support of the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission's proposal to the Homeland Security Community Project Funding (CPF) through Representative Brad Schneider's office for a grant to fund the Dady Slough Flood Storage and Wetland Enhancement Project to reduce flooding in Park City.

The Dady Slough Flood Storage and Wetland Enhancement Project is located along the boundary of Park City and Waukegan in a >55.0-100.0 % area of low to moderate income persons. Flooding from heavy or prolonged rain events impacts transportation in and around the area, inundating homes, businesses, communication centers, and creates a financial hardship for economically disadvantaged residents. This project aims to acquire and excavate the land known as the Dady Slough to increase flood storage capacity, restore and enhance the adjacent low-quality wetlands, and construct public access areas for residents and students and faculty of the Cristo Rey Magnet School in and around the Dady Slough.

As the Mayor of the City of Park City, our efforts to reduce flooding impacts have included partnering with Lake County on infrastructure improvement projects, engineering studies, and public outreach efforts on the impacts of flooding in Park City. We strongly support this grant application and the focus on reducing flood-related damages to transportation, infrastructure, homes, and businesses in Park City. In the event the Dady Slough Flood Storage and Wetland Enhancement Project is funded, we would expect our role in this project to include our active participation and collaboration with Lake County SMC and other private and public partners in support of this project.

We look forward to working with you in reducing flooding and flood-related damages that impact our community.

Sincerely,





EAST SKOKIE DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Commissioners:

Joseph L. Bridges, Chairman

William Schrimpf

Todd Needlman

Mailing Address: 9 N. County Street, Ste. 200, Waukegan, IL 60085

Monday, April 26, 2021

The Honorable Brad Schneider  
Representative of the 10th District of Illinois  
111 Barclay Blvd Suite 200  
Lincolnshire, Illinois 60069

Re: Letter of Support for Lake County Storm Water Management Commission's (SMC)  
application seeking federal funding for the Dady Slough Flood Storage and Wetland  
Enhancement Project

Dear Mr. Schneider:

On behalf of the East Skokie Drainage District letter, in support of the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission's proposal to the Homeland Security Community Project Funding (CPF) through Representative Brad Schneider's office for a grant to fund the Dady Slough Flood Storage and Wetland Enhancement Project to reduce flooding within the Skokie River Sub-Watershed.

This project would allow for the acquisition and excavation of land known as the Dady Slough to increase flood storage capacity, restore and enhance the adjacent low-quality wetlands. The Dady Slough Flood Storage and Wetland Enhancement Project is located along the boundary of Park City and Waukegan in a >55.0-100.0 % area of low to moderate income persons. Flooding from heavy or prolonged rain events impacts transportation in and around the area, inundating homes, businesses, communication centers, and creates a financial hardship for economically disadvantaged residents. This project would also provide better public access to students who attend the Cristo Rey Magnet School.

The East Skokie Drainage District maintains the drainage system within the sub-watershed where this project is proposed. The District strongly supports this grant application, which would reduce flood-related damages to transportation, infrastructure, homes and businesses in Park City.

Yours Truly,

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Bryan R. Winter

Attorney for the East Skokie Drainage District