

Massive new reservoir to help alleviate Chicago area flooding

Submitted by [SSMMA](#) on September 1, 2015 – 3:50 pm



SSMMA Executive Director Edward Paesel, along with MWRD and other officials address supporters and the media prior to cutting a ceremonial ribbon. / Photo by Josh Koonce

Local federal and environmental officials on Tuesday (9/1/15) heralded the completion of a new south suburban reservoir that will provide major flood protection to the area.

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago cut the ribbon Tuesday morning at the Thornton Reservoir, which can hold 7.9 billion gallons of stormwater and sewage. The project has been decades in the making, and is meant to keep floodwaters and sewer overflow at bay in 13 suburbs and on the South Side of Chicago...Please click [here](#) to read Craig Dellimore's story on CBS Chicago. Related stories are in the [Times](#), [Tribune/Daily Southtown](#), [ABC7 Eyewitness News](#), [WTTW Chicago Tonight](#) and the [MWRD Newsroom](#).