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Proksa Park Flood Control Facility Groundbreaking Set for October 2

Project coincides with Liberty Cultural Center parking lot development

Who:	Berwyn Park District, City of Berwyn and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
What:	Proksa Park stormwater improvement groundbreaking ceremony
When:	4 p.m. on Tuesday, October 2, 2012
Where:	Proksa Park, 3001 South Wisconsin Ave., Berwyn, Illinois

To kick off a greatly needed flood relief project that has been years in the making, representatives from the Berwyn Park District, the City of Berwyn and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) will break ground at Proksa Park, 3001 South Wisconsin Ave., on Tuesday, Oct. 2 at 4 p.m.

The ceremony comes after several years of discussions, negotiations and design. The project incorporates underdrains, or perforated pipes, that are buried beneath the soil and will move water away from the playing fields and park areas following a storm event. Other components include an underground stormwater detention facility and a flood control structure to regulate the rate of discharge from the storage facility into the city's combined sewer.

The planned improvements are designed to handle the rainfall from a projected 100 year storm.

Improvements are also being made to the Liberty Cultural Center parking lot. Permeable pavers will be installed along with underground drains which will convey excess stormwater to a storm sewer. In addition, a flood control structure will be installed to regulate the rate of discharge from the parking lot into the combined sewer.

Because improvements at Proksa Park and the Liberty Cultural Center involved the construction of storm sewers in a combined sewer area, the Park District was required to obtain permits from the MWRD.

Construction is slated for completion by the end of October.

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