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Dear Sir or Madam:

Subject: Local Stormwater Partnership Program/Flood Prone Property Acquisition Program

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) is currently inviting local governmental entities (i.e. municipalities, townships, and agencies) within our service boundaries to apply for assistance in addressing flooding issues through our Local Stormwater Partnership Program and Flood Prone Property Acquisition Program.

The **Local Stormwater Partnership Program** provides assistance for eligible projects in the form of funding, engineering, or other means to be defined through negotiations between the MWRD and selected partners via intergovernmental agreements. For this application cycle, to better align with the needs of all communities to identify solutions to local flooding problems, the Local Stormwater Partnership Program will focus on **accepting applications for conceptual projects**, providing technical assistance through analysis of alternatives and conceptual design. The MWRD will undertake preliminary engineering to assist selected partner organizations in identifying solutions and potential funding for project implementation. Our intent is to alternate the priority for shovel-ready and conceptual projects in our application process every other cycle.

The **Flood Prone Property Acquisition Program** provides funding support for acquisition of flood-prone properties. MWRD's top priority will be to facilitate the Illinois Emergency Management Agency's federally funded program by assisting Local Sponsor communities in providing their share of the cost for property acquisition. Additionally, MWRD will also consider applications directly from local governments requesting property acquisition of specific flood-prone structures. Upon acquisition, the structures are removed, and deed restrictions are placed on the acquired properties to remain as open space in perpetuity.

The 2020 Local Stormwater Partnership and Flood Prone Property Acquisition applications are available through our website at mwr.org/stormwater-partnership-program. Submission through the online applications is highly encouraged, but if not possible downloadable copies of the forms are available at the above link. Eligibility requirements and submittal instructions are included on the website and on the application forms. The completed online application form (or electronic PDF) and associated attachments must be submitted to MWRD by **March 12, 2021, at 11:59pm**. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Richard Fisher at FisherR@mwr.org or StormApps@mwr.org.

Very truly yours,

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