



A Community of Learners

Information Memo: Village Storm Water Project

TO: School Board
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FROM: Greg Kurr, CFO

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Background:

Over the past couple of months, the Village of Winnetka has held open forums with community members to present and solicit comments regarding storm water management alternatives. This has been in keeping with the plan that Administration shared with the Board in January. As a result of these meetings, there is more community awareness and participation. The options have now been refined through this process to a vision. However, the Village has made it clear that no definitive decisions have been made and they are now seeking community input regarding the Village's vision. The most recent meeting was held the evening of April 12, 2016.

The suggested approach does include the use of the District field between Skokie and Washbourne schools as an underground reservoir area. The Village has not made a formal request to use this land nor has a decision been made to do so. Administration has agreed to discuss the use of the land if it is decided by the Village that it would be a desirable option. As the Village's plans become more definitive the District's Administration and Board will become a more intricate party to the process.

Another area that is being considered for above ground water detention is the southern part of the Winnetka Park District property adjacent to Crow Island School. The current design of the developed area appears to border the southwest corner of the school property but does not encroach upon it. At the April 12 meeting, some members of the community expressed concern over the development of this area due to the perceived potential danger of ponds and pollutants to children in the area. Village consultants responded to concerns and answered that the perceptions are noted. This meeting was taped and will be available on the Village website for viewing to gain additional background regarding this matter.

Administration will continue to monitor and be involved as the project progresses keeping the Board apprised of the status.