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MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**DuPage County Stormwater Management – Water Quality Improvement Program Grant Awarded to the Village of Willowbrook**

Willowbrook, IL - The Village of Willowbrook is pleased to announce that it was selected as a grant recipient as part of the DuPage County Stormwater Management Water Quality Improvement Program. The Village was notified of the award on Tuesday, March 5th, 2024. The \$60,000 grant award is designated for the stream and pond enhancement project which is part of phase II of the Borse Memorial Community Park Improvement project. The second phase of the project is expected to begin in May 2024.

The grant funding will assist in the restoration of Sawmill Creek's shoreline through the park. In addition, new native plants and trees will be planted to reinforce a regraded streambank to prevent future erosion. Another component that will enhance the natural resources in the park is the pond enhancement. The current pond area will be increased to incorporate a wetland habitat area. The maximum funding amount under this program is 25% of the water quality-related project costs. The DuPage County Stormwater Management Planning Committee approved a funding amount for the project of no more than \$60,000 for qualified costs, which equates to a 16% reimbursement for the project.

“Similar to our recently announced OSLAD grant award, this grant will help ensure the sustainability of our major community park for years to come and will allow staff to beautify the natural area located within Borse Memorial Community Park. We are grateful that DuPage County saw the significant value to our community in this project”, Village Mayor Frank Trilla shared.

The grants awarded are funded through the DuPage County Water Quality Improvement program. The program strives to reduce overbank flooding and protect and improve the health of local waterways. DuPage County initiated the grant program in 2000 and has awarded approximately \$6.3 million to 108 projects to date. [Explore past projects and find further information on the Water Quality Improvement Program Story Map.](#)