

ARROWHEAD LAKE FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

The City of Palos Heights partnering with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) and Forest Preserves of Cook County commenced the groundbreaking of the Arrowhead Lake flood control project to help protect the immediate area from flooding. The \$1.6-million project will result in increased flood storage and removal (rezoning) of roughly 70 homes from the FEMA Zone A flood plain in Palos Heights. The existing dam and outlet culvert will be demolished and replaced with a new concrete dam, outlet culvert and spillway. As part of the project, a multi-use pedestrian path will be resurfaced and an eroded bank at the south side of Arrowhead Lake will be regraded and restored with native seeds, plant plugs and trees. More information on removal of properties from the flood plain will be available upon completion of the project and redrawing of the FEMA flood hazard map.

IHC Construction Companies, LLC will be the general contractor on site with several other sub-contractors performing specialized tasks. During construction, temporary roadway lane restrictions near Harlem Avenue and 131st Street along with bike path detours are expected. Access to the forest preserve trail system will be maintained through a series of temporary bypass trails. Residents will have access to their neighborhood for the all of construction, but may experience some construction vehicle traffic on 131st Street.

Construction work of this type involves excavation with heavy equipment, trucking, noise and dust. Even though most work will be confined to the area around Lake Arrowhead, you may see some residual activity from transportation of materials. Landscape restoration, if required, will not occur until close to the end of the project. Work is expected to be completed by late 2019.