



October 18, 2021

Village of La Grange
53 S. La Grange Road, La Grange, IL 60525

Mr. Jose Rios, District 1 Engineer
Illinois Department of Transportation
201 W. Center Court
Schaumburg, IL 60196

RE: 55th STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Dear Mr. Rios:

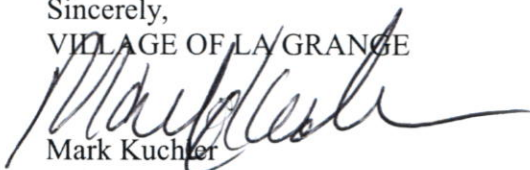
Thank you and your team for meeting with the Village, Leader Jim Durkin and Senator Curran on August 9. As we discussed, it is critically important that IDOT support additional stormwater relief for La Grange residents in its upcoming 55th Street Reconstruction Project.

As you may be aware, the Village's engineers have determined (see attached) that a significant portion of the flood waters entering La Grange are from outside of the Village's jurisdiction. Approximately 14% of the flood waters that the Village must manage from the southwest, originates in La Grange. Therefore, it is critical that the Village's regional partners, including the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), partner with the Village to address this significant regional issue.

The Village would appreciate IDOT improving the stormwater conveyance along 55th Street from where Des Plaines Tributary A crosses 55th Street and flows into La Grange County Club, to the east. Any flow conveyed will result in less runoff entering La Grange. The Village continues to identify and work on potential stormwater improvements inside the Village boundaries with limited space and no natural outlets.

We would appreciate the opportunity to meet with IDOT to discuss the inclusion of additional flood management as a part of the 55th Street Reconstruction Project. Please contact me at (312) 375-8620 or Village Manager Andrianna Peterson at (708) 215-3555 at your earliest convenience so that we can schedule the meeting.

Sincerely,
VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE



Mark Kuchler
Village President

cc: Omer Osman, Secretary of Transportation, IDOT
Kari Steele, President, MWRD
Leader Jim Durkin
Senator John Curran