

VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST  
NPDES PERMIT NO. ILM580024

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION PROGRAM  
NOVEMBER 2006

This Public Notification Program was developed in compliance with the requirements of the Village's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) General Permit No. ILM580024. The primary objective of this program is to inform the public in the event of combined sewer overflows.

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC) has flow monitoring equipment installed at 54 CSO outfalls located along the Des Plaines River, including the two Village of River Forest outfalls. In addition, the MWRDGC has created a public notification plan ([click here to access their Plan](#)) that includes signage at the outfalls, a web page to inform the public of CSO occurrences ([click here to access CSO occurrences](#)), and an e-mail address book of interested parties.

In the interest of avoiding a redundancy of efforts, the MWRDGC has invited Tunnel and Reservoir Plan (TARP) municipalities to use the MWRDGC Public Notification Plan for their public notification compliance. Given that both of the Village's outfalls are currently monitored by the MWRDGC, the Village proposes that the MWRDGC's public notification program largely meets the Village's requirements. To complement the MWRDGC's program, the Village of River Forest has:

- Provided a link from the Village of River Forest website (<https://vrf.us/departments/department/4/service/1>) to the MWRDGC CSO web page.
- Installed signage, adhering to the MWRDGC developed specifications, at both Village-maintained outfalls.
- The Village will coordinate with the MWRDGC and/or the IEPA regarding the flow monitoring data such that the Village will be aware of any combined sewer overflows. The Director of Public Works shall keep Village officials informed of any dangerous conditions that may exist and coordinate necessary emergency response.