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Dear Lincolnshire Residents and Business Owners,

Many residents are drawn to Lincolnshire because of the natural beauty that surrounds us. They enjoy the fall colors, peaceful snowfalls along the banks of the Des Plaines River, walking the paths of the restored prairie on the banks of the North Branch of the Chicago River, or golfing alongside Indian Creek as it passes through the Lincolnshire Marriott's golf course. Like all natural features, these waterways can provide beauty but demand our respect as well.

Flooding is an unpredictable and unfortunate reality, not only in Lincolnshire but throughout Lake County. The only thing that can be counted on is that it will happen again. The Village of Lincolnshire is proactive in efforts to minimize the potential dangers and destruction of flooding. Lincolnshire has been recognized for its achievements through the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System. Currently a Class 5 community we are working toward the Class 4 designation. These upper class ratings are very rare and require a substantial commitment by the Village. As part of these efforts, the Village strives to assist residents in helping themselves. Each resident has a responsibility to be prepared in case of emergency.

Here are some steps you could take:

- Know your property's flood zone and potential for flooding. *You can contact Village Staff to assist with this information.*
- Purchase Flood Insurance. *For more information on flood insurance contact your insurance agent or go to FloodSmart.gov*
- Know your evacuation route and prepare an emergency kit for your family. *Ready.gov is a helpful resource for setting up your specific plan.*
- Sign up for the Village's emergency notification system. *For more information see the Village webpage at - www.lincolnshireil.gov/news-updates/connect-cty*
- Consider alternative solutions to your property's (or an adjacent property's) flooding and drainage concerns. *Consider installing a rain garden, or participating in volunteer opportunities such as the Chicago River Day event in May.*

For more information about floodplain management, emergency preparedness and other plans to consider, please browse the Village's website at lincolnshireil.gov and review the information in the Flood Protection Information section. Village staff will be happy to assist you with determining your property's flood zone, drainage improvements you may wish to consider, and other ways to be proactive before an emergency event.

Together we can keep our community prepared



Elizabeth J. Brandt, Mayor

Village of Lincolnshire