

### Important Information for Lenders, Insurance Agents and Realtors:

The Village of Lincolnshire participates in a voluntary floodplain management program, the Community Rating System (CRS). To learn how the Village's participation in the CRS program qualifies residents for flood insurance discounts, visit the National Flood Insurance Program's FloodSmart.gov web page devoted to CRS at [https://www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/pages/crs/community\\_rating\\_system.jsp](https://www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/pages/crs/community_rating_system.jsp). This letter will provide information on Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) information, services and resources available from the Village.

**Basic Flood Map Information:** Basic information will be provided from the current FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map including the community number, map panel number and suffix, and date, as well as a given property's FIRM zone, whether the property is in the SFHA, and the base flood elevation or depth, if shown on the FIRM. The elevation datum for the FIRM is NAVD 1988. The information is available by phone at 847-883-8600; by email, contact [kjurco@lincolnshireil.gov](mailto:kjurco@lincolnshireil.gov), or by visiting the Village Hall between the hours of 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday at One Olde Half Day Road in Lincolnshire. *New Flood Insurance Rate Maps were issued in September, 2013. Information about some of the FIRM changes, and Letters of Map Revision affecting the Village of Lincolnshire that were revalidated, can be found at our website [www.lincolnshireil.gov](http://www.lincolnshireil.gov) under Flood Protection Information.*

Elevation Certificates for some properties are available for review at the Village Hall and are also available at our website at <http://www.lincolnshireil.gov/departments-services/public-works-department/flooding/elevation-certificates>. If a new Certificate of Elevation is required, the Village of Lincolnshire can provide a list of local professionals who provide this service. Enclosed with this mailing is information on the flood insurance purchase requirement which can help people who may need a mortgage or loan for a property in the Special Flood Hazard Area.

**Problems not shown on the FIRM:** Any known information about flood problems not shown on the FIRM, such as local drainage issues or potential flooding sources in the area will be provided.

**Flood Depth Data:** Information about flood depth and inundation history of the area is available in person or at our website. See the Village Maps section of our website for a direct link to the USGS Inundation Map; or the map can be found at <http://il.water.usgs.gov/ifhp/lake/>. This map will show potential floodwater coverage based on the depth of flooding and can be displayed in area or depth of floodwaters.

The Village also partners with Lake County Stormwater Management and the Village of Riverwoods to operate a real-time Des Plaines River level gage which can be viewed at any time at the Village's website and is frequently updated. The gage is operated by the National Weather Service and can be accessed at <http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=lot&gage=ldri2&view=1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1>. Village Hall staff will be happy to assist in person or by phone or email with any inquiries related to these sites or the information they provide. During times of elevated river levels a link to gage information page is posted at our Facebook page and Twitter account.

**Special Flood Related Hazards:** Weather can change quickly and flooding in areas upstream will affect the Village of Lincolnshire. Flood hazards that can affect our community include ice jams, debris in the river causing changes in the flow path, unexpected soil erosion, dangers of driving in or through floodwaters, and the dangers created by flood water inside residential structures. Preparation is very important in any

emergency situation. All residents and potential residents are encouraged to be aware of things that can be done to alleviate flooding in their area. Feel free to contact the Village of Lincolnshire Public Works Department with any question you may have regarding potential hazards.

**Historical Flood Information:** Information about past floods, including the recent flooding activity in 2013, can be provided - including whether and when a specific area has been flooded in the past, if a property is in a repetitive-loss area, historic high-water levels shown on the Des Plaines River Gage and the USGS Flood of Record map, and photos of past flooding events.

**Natural Floodplain Functions:** The Village of Lincolnshire is situated in two watersheds – the North Branch of the Chicago River watershed is generally located east of Riverwoods Road and the Des Plaines River watershed (including Indian Creek and Aptakisic Creek sub watersheds) is generally located west of Riverwoods Road. In Lincolnshire, we have been careful to have protected portions of our watershed floodplains and floodways by reserving them as open space. Rivershire Park along the Des Plaines River and North Park and Florsheim Parks along the Chicago River have been restored and managed in a natural state. Each of these parks contains floodplain and floodway. They hold large quantities of water after rain or snow events. These native areas, with their deep rooted native plants, filter out pollutants and chemicals from the water further protecting our river's water quality. In addition, because of the natural state of these areas and the ready water source, there is significant ecological diversity of plants and wildlife in these locations.

Many of the older homes in Lincolnshire were built in areas of lower elevations and are more prone to flooding. Natural site features such as wetlands with native plants and hydric soils have long disappeared and they no longer can function as they should. Landowners are encouraged to plant native plants and consider rain gardens on their property. These plants will assist with absorption and filtration of water. They will help to hold soils to keep erosion and siltation from occurring in the waterway. Landowners are also encouraged to remove any obstructions which might restrict water conveyance during high water events.

If you would like to make an inquiry, please tell us the street address and, if available, the subdivision lot and block number. We are open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call us at 847-883-8600, contact Public Works Administrative Assistant Kimberly Jurco by e-mail at [kjurco@lincolnshireil.gov](mailto:kjurco@lincolnshireil.gov), or drop by the Village Hall at One Olde Half Day Road, Lincolnshire. Any person in Public Works Administration can provide the needed information. There is no charge for this service.

Please pass this notice on to all your agents and branch offices.

Sincerely,

THE VILLAGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W R D', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Walter R. Dittrich, P.E.  
Assistant Public Works Director/ Village Engineer

Enclosure