



VILLAGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE

Dear Lincolnshire Residents and Business Owners:

Many residents are drawn to Lincolnshire because of the natural beauty. 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 flooding will happen again. The Village of Lincolnshire is proactive in its efforts to minimize the potential dangers and destruction of flooding. In 2022, the Village instituted a storm sewer utility fee which helps the Village not only maintain existing drainage systems but also provides a funding source for larger scale drainage improvement projects designed to reduce the impacts of localized flooding throughout the Village. Lincolnshire has also been recognized for its achievements through the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (CRS) resulting in a Class 5 designation. These ratings require a substantial commitment by the Village to achieve and maintain. As part of these efforts, the Village's efforts assist residents in helping themselves and saving money on flood insurance premiums by maintaining its Class 5 community rating in the CRS program.

While these efforts do have impact, each resident has a responsibility to be prepared in case of emergency. Here are some steps you can 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](https://www.floodsmart.gov).
- Know your evacuation route and prepare an emergency kit for your family. [Ready.Gov](https://www.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 - <https://lincolnshire.bbcportal.com/>
- Consider alternative solutions to your property's (or an adjacent property's) flooding and drainage concerns. Consider using a rain barrel, 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 visit the Village's website at <https://www.lincolnshireil.gov/i-want-to/find/flooding>. Village staff is 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