

## **Staff Responses to Council Questions**

### **March 3, 2015**

#### **7. Active Agenda**

##### **D. Motion: Direct Staff to Facilitate a Three-Party Agreement re: 942 Maple Avenue Structure Relocation**

*How many hours has staff spent on the Edwards house relocation?*

Staff involvement on this project began on October 24, 2014. Since that time staff has spent an estimated 210 hours. The breakdown of staff hours is as follows:

- Village Manager - 100 hours
- Village Attorney - 40 hours
- Planning Manager - 40 hours
- Village Forester - 20 hours
- Other Staff Members - 10 hours

#### **8. First Reading**

##### **A. Resolution: Authorize an Amendment to the Agreement with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. re: Clyde Estates**

*Clyde Estates -*

*Please provide a map of the trees that would be removed due to the sidewalk construction.*

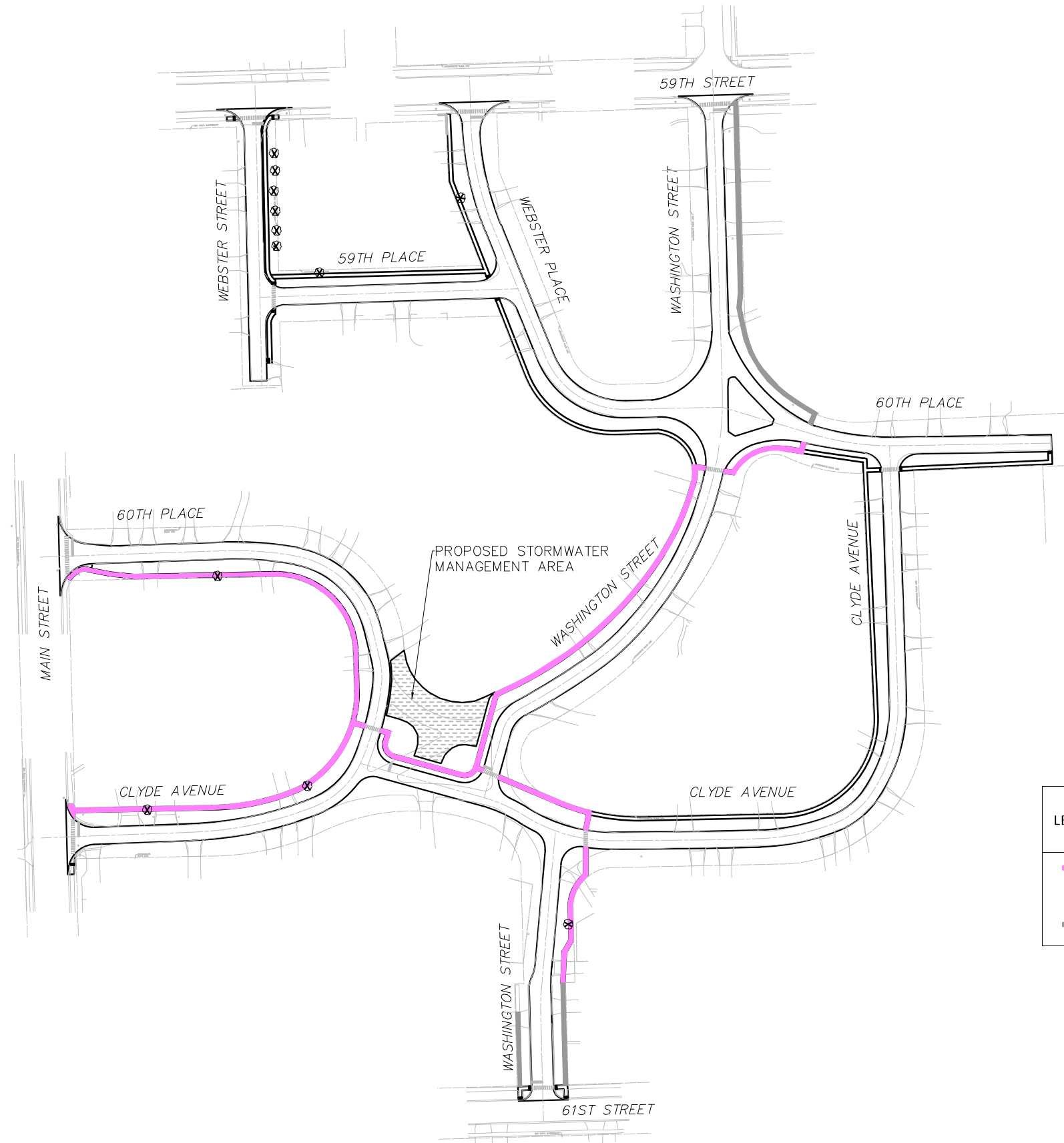
A map of the trees that are anticipated to be removed due to sidewalk construction is attached.

*How much would it cost to construction sidewalk only along the Clyde/Washington and 60th Place?*

The sidewalk along Clyde/Washington and 60th Place is shown in pink on the attached map. The cost is estimated to be \$170,000.

#### **Online Comments**

rRemarks are attached.



LEGEND	DESCRIPTION	APPROX. COST OF SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION	TREES TO BE REMOVED DUE TO SIDEWALKS
	PROPOSED SIDEWALKS ON WASHINGTON ST, CLYDE AVE (MAIN TO WASHINGTON) and 60TH PL (MAIN TO WASHINGTON)	\$140,000	4
	EXISTING SIDEWALKS		

TREES TO BE REMOVED DUE TO CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS



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5101 WALNUT AVENUE  
DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS 60515  
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NO.	DATE	NATURE OF REVISION	CHKD.	MODEL:
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DSGN.		
DWN.		
CHKD.		
SCALE:		
PLOT DATE:		
CAD USER:		

TITLE:	PROJ. NO. S-004-15
CLYDE COUNTRY ESTATES SIDEWALK/TREE PLAN	DATE: 03/02/2015
	SHEET ____ OF ____
	DRAWING NO. 1



### rRemarks Data for March 3, 2015 Village Council Meeting

Agenda Section	Agenda Item	Comment	Commenter
First Reading	First Reading A. RES 2015-6135 A resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. re: Clyde Estates	<p>I understand the Clyde Estates Residents are trying to stop one of the improvements in their area by protesting the installation of sidewalks.</p> <p>We live south of their homes and it is a beautiful 20 minute walk for us through their neighborhood to town - but it is dangerous when we are forced to walk in the streets! Over the past years it has been awful during the winter to walk through Clyde Estates in deep ruts and slush. It is frightening the way cars whip around the curved streets in any weather! I actually broke my ankle by stepping in a pot hole when my husband and I were walking through there on the street one night!</p> <p>On the positive side for the residents, sidewalks can be an instant safe play area for children. They can roller skate, draw with chalk and learn to ride their bikes. For adults who walk for exercise sidewalks provide a safe path.</p> <p>I hear the residents will miss their gorgeous lawns, but there has always been an easement on their property. Please consider the safety of the surrounding community not just the esthetics of their lawns and Please Put Sidewalks in Clyde Estates.</p> <p>We have lived here 34 years and are thrilled this issue is being addressed.</p> <p>Thank you, Mary and Bill Brennan</p>	Mary and Bill Brennan 909 62nd Street
Public Comments		<p>I have no other problem with saving the Edwards house other than the COUNCIL wanting to give TAXPAYERS money to a private party to move and remodel it. Old House--New House Will he pay the Village back when he sells it ???</p> <p>Wayne</p>	Wayne Enerson



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Active Agenda	Active D. MOT 2015-6118 A motion directing staff to facilitate a three-party agreement re: 942 Maple Avenue Structure relocation	<p>Let's see, builder gives away Edwards House and the money he would have paid to tear it down.</p> <p>Village of D.G. gives up all the building permit fees ( approx. \$ 190,000.00) and spends many hours for planning and tech support.</p> <p>A private party gets and moves house. Remodels and rebuilds it. House then is worth \$1 MILLION or more.</p> <p>Is all this FREE stuff TAXABLE income or TAXABLE under the GIFT tax laws?</p>	Wayne Enerson
Active Agenda	Active D. MOT 2015-6118 A motion directing staff to facilitate a three-party agreement re: 942 Maple Avenue Structure relocation	<p>Based on the revised impact to the trees and discussion with my neighbors, I support the move of the house from 942 to 743 Maple. However, I do not support using taxpayer funds to pay for this project. This project moves a private house from one privately owned parcel of land to another privately owned parcel of land, and will have little to no taxpayer benefit. This home will become a family's private residence, and should be paid for with private funding. At a time when property taxes continuously rise and other expensive capital projects are being proposed by the village, I do not think paying for the move with taxpayer funds is a good use of the taxpayers resources. Additionally, I thought that one of the reasons the monstrosity of a condo building was approved was to increase tax funds to the village. If so, it does not make sense to turn around and waive these permit fees to the developer in order to pay for a private project. Thank you.</p>	Ben O'Malley 647 Maple Ave