

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**  
**Report for the Village Council Meeting**  
**9/15/2015**

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>
Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program Application	Nan Newlon Public Works Director

**SYNOPSIS**

A resolution has been prepared to authorize submission of a grant application to DuPage County for the potential purchase of the home at 5631 Webster Street, including an adjacent vacant lot. The requested resolution authorizes staff to submit the grant application. Additional Council approval will be required prior to any purchase of property.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

The Strategic Goals for 2015-2017 identified *Steward of Financial, Environmental and Neighborhood Sustainability* as well as *Exceptional Municipal Services*.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The acquisition of properties is estimated to be approximately \$390,000, of which the Village is required to provide up to \$97,500 (25% of total project costs) as the local match component. Funding would be budgeted in the FY16 budget, in the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) project (SW-081). The actual Village portion of the cost will be determined upon receipt of a grant award.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approval on the September 15, 2015 consent agenda.

**BACKGROUND**

In April 2013, the Village experienced severe flooding like much of northern Illinois. A Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Illinois was issued on May 10, 2013, allowing eligible jurisdictions to submit applications to participate in the HMGP. Downers Grove submitted 16 potential properties for acquisition, and a total of four were ultimately approved. Of the four that were approved, only three have been purchased so far.

DuPage County is now receiving funds under Public Law 113-2 as a result of the federal disaster declaration. The County is administering said funds through the CDBG-DR grant program. A CDBG-DR grant would give the Village the potential to acquire the single family home at 5631 Webster, and the adjacent vacant lot, which are owned by the same party. St. Joseph's Creek flows through the vacant lot, and both lots are in the floodway/floodplain. These properties were included in the original HMGP grant submittal, in 2014, but were ultimately not pursued due to exceeding maximum purchase costs under FEMA rules. If purchased, these two parcels, which are adjacent to other Village owned parcels, will be

incorporated into the next phase of Streambank stabilization on St. Joseph Creek – South Branch (DR-022). This will greatly improve the Village's ability to make meaningful improvements to the creek through this area, improving flood overflow routing and compensatory storage along this stretch of the creek, thereby alleviating downstream flooding of homes and property.

The application is due October 1, 2015. Because of the short time frame between the approval to proceed with the application and the grant submission deadline, staff is requesting Council permission to submit this application when it is completed. Approval of the application does not commit the Village to the purchase of any of the properties included.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Resolution

Map of properties

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO DUPAGE  
COUNTY FOR THE CDBG DISASTER RECOVERY GRANT  
FOR ACQUISITION OF PROPERTIES AFFECTED BY THE  
APRIL 2013 FLOODING EVENT**

WHEREAS, DuPage County is receiving funds under Public Law 113-2, Community Development Block Grant (hereinafter "CDBG") Disaster Recovery Grant, as a result of a Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Illinois for the flooding events which occurred in April, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Downers Grove, a municipal corporation in the State of Illinois, is preparing an application for funding under this CDBG Disaster Recovery Grant in the amount of approximately \$292,500.00 for the potential purchase of properties which were affected by the April 2013 flooding event which the Village of Downers Grove intends to submit to DuPage County for consideration; and

WHEREAS, funding must be used only for specific disaster recovery-related purposes in relation to the April 2013 flooding event; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council desires that said application be submitted to DuPage County for consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, as follows:

1. That Village staff is authorized to submit the application for CDBG Disaster Recovery Grant Funding to DuPage County.
2. That the Village Manager and Village Clerk are hereby respectively authorized and directed for and on behalf of the Village to execute, attest, seal and deliver the application along with any agreements should funding be granted, substantially in the form approved in the foregoing paragraph of this Resolution, together with such changes as the Manager shall deem necessary.
3. That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage as provided by law.

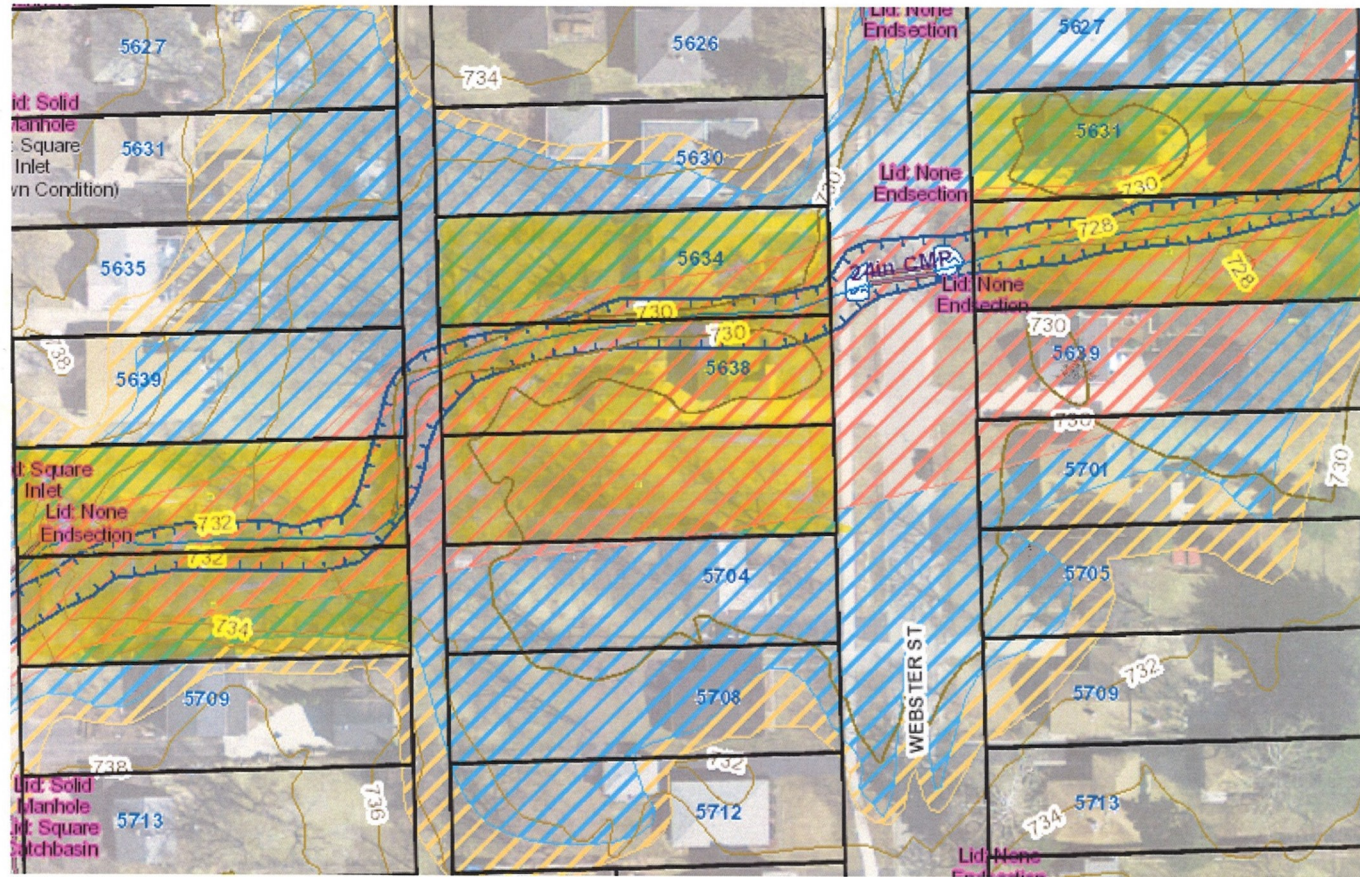
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Mayor

Passed:

Attest:

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Village Clerk

# MAP OF PROPERTIES UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR CDBG APPLICATION



Solid Yellow Parcels = Parcels Under Consideration  
Outlined Parcels = Parcels Owned by Village