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## Press Release

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### **Riverside grants easement to USACE and IDNR: Hofmann Dam/Swan Pond Park project to proceed**

Thurs., Sept 22 -- The Riverside Village Board at a Special Board meeting Wednesday unanimously granted a temporary easement over Village property to the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

The easement allows the long-discussed Hofmann Dam/Swan Pond Restoration project to proceed. The project is part of a Corps of Engineers national mandate to restore rivers to their natural flow patterns.

Project planning began in the 1990s. When funding by the federal government and the State of Illinois was secured 18 months ago, extensive negotiations began between Riverside and the Army Corps of Engineers.

*“Trustees Lonnie Sacchi and Jim Reynolds – with guidance from the Board – have worked with the Corps on every page of this project. They have been aided by, and the Corps has also heard directly from, a volunteer committee of the Frederick Law Olmsted Society, Village staff, Village commissions, concerned citizens and environmental groups. The trustees have taken every step*

*possible to adjust the Corps' project plan that advances Riverside's unique qualities. On behalf of the Village, I salute all participants for their diligence and thank the Corps for its cooperation to date,"* Village President Michael C. Gorman said.

*"Thanks to these plan adaptations the Swan Pond Park enhancements and river wall restoration alone will yield significant benefits to residents, especially in drainage, at no cost to Village taxpayers,"* Gorman said.

The current anticipated project timeline is:

Fall 2011	Fairbanks Dam removal
Summer 2012	Hofmann Dam notching and river bank restoration
Late 2012	Swan Pond Park enhancements and river wall restoration

Budgeted project cost is \$7,690,000. The federal share is \$5,000,000 with the State of Illinois funding \$2,690,000. Riverside Village funds are not being used.

*"This is the single biggest Riverside project in our lifetimes. Because of Riverside's National Historic Landmark status and its worldwide prominence in the community planning, landscape design and architecture, this project will be viewed by a global audience. Our officials and residents have risen to the challenge of adapting the Corps' mandate and project to our needs, because all of us know we have only one chance to get it right. We look forward to continued close cooperation with the Corps throughout the project,"* Gorman said.