

Rockland Road Project Receives APWA Award

The Rockland Road Reconstruction project was recently recognized by the American Public Works Association (APWA) Lake Branch as the top transportation project between \$5 million and \$25 million. The APWA Public Works Project of the Year Award is presented annually to promote excellence in the management and administration of public works projects by recognizing the alliance between the managing agency, consultants, and the contractor who, working together, successfully complete public works projects.

The Village of Libertyville and the Libertyville Township Highway Department worked together on the project to reconstruct approximately 1.4 miles of roadway between IL Route 21 (Milwaukee Avenue) and St. Mary's Road. The project itself was divided into two separate contracts, corresponding to the limits of each jurisdiction, and required significant coordination between the parties to facilitate staging and scheduling of construction to minimize impacts to residents and surrounding areas.

The project resulted in significant upgrades to the Village's utility infrastructure along the roadway, which included the replacement of the existing water main and the installation of a significant storm sewer along the entire corridor. The upgraded storm sewer was an improvement that was identified in the Village's Master Stormwater Management Plan and was quickly implemented into the design for Rockland Road upon Village adoption of the Master Plan in 2019. The new sewer is 84" in diameter at the downstream end where it discharges to the Des Plaines River and provides much needed capacity to alleviate a history of frequent flooding problems along Rockland Road and the surrounding areas.

A video was prepared for the awards ceremony to summarize the project, which can be viewed at www.libertyville.com/rocklandaward.



Rockland Road Corridor Flood Reduction Project

The Village's Master Stormwater Management Plan identified ten (10) separate capital improvement projects proposed to target neighborhoods with a history of flooding. Each project is intended to reduce the likelihood of flooding in these areas through significant upgrades to the storm sewer and overall management system.

The first of these projects was implemented as part of the "Rockland Road" project, which began construction in the summer of 2019. As part of this project the storm sewer main along Rockland Road, from Prairie Avenue to the Des Plaines River, was significantly increased in diameter to accommodate the surrounding areas appropriately.

The Rockland Road project also included improvements to the storm sewer system along E. Lincoln Avenue and several of the interconnecting streets between Rockland and E. Lincoln. These additional improvements were not included within the scope of the recent Rockland Road Reconstruction project and have not yet been constructed. Village staff is currently working with a professional engineering firm to finalize construction documents with the intention of pursuing a construction contract in the Summer of 2021. Should the project proceed, it is anticipated that the improvements will be completed in late 2021 or early 2022. To learn more visit <http://www.libertyville.com/404/Construction-Projects>.

Household Hazardous Waste

Household hazardous waste ("HHW") includes items such as old paint, pesticides, gasoline, waste oil, cleaning products and other chemicals often used for household projects.

To avoid the potential risks associated with HHW, it is important that people always monitor the use, storage, and disposal of products with potentially hazardous substances in their homes. Improper disposal of HHW can include pouring them down the drain, on the ground, into storm sewers, or in some cases putting them out with the regular trash.

Improper disposal of these wastes can pollute the environment and pose a threat to the health of humans and animals. Certain types of HHW have the potential to cause physical injury to our wastewater treatment workers, contaminate our wastewater treatment systems if poured down drains or toilets and they can present hazards to children and pets if left around the house.

Some quick tips for the safe handling of HHW include:

- **Follow any instructions for use and storage** provided on product labels carefully to prevent any accidents at home.
- Be sure to **read product labels for disposal directions** to reduce the risk of products exploding, igniting, leaking, mixing with other chemicals, or posing other hazards on the way to a disposal facility.
- **Never store hazardous products in food containers;** keep them in their original containers and never remove labels. Corroding containers, however, require special handling. Call the Fire Department for instructions.
- When leftovers remain, **never mix HHW with other products.** Incompatible products might react, ignite, or explode, and contaminated HHW might become unrecyclable.
- **Check with your local environmental, health or solid waste agency** for more information on HHW management options in your area.
- Remember, **even empty containers of HHW can pose hazards** because of the residual chemicals that might remain, so handle them with care also.

Visit www.swalco.org to learn more.

Curbside Recycling Guidelines

from the Sustain Libertyville Commission

There are a few rules regarding curbside recycling that we all need to remember. Just because something can be recycled does not mean it can go in your curbside container. For instance, **although plastic bags can be recycled, they should NEVER be put in the curbside container.**

Please take them to the grocery store instead. So, what can be recycled curbside? Steel and aluminum containers and foil, cardboard, office paper, newspaper and magazines, glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles, tubs (#s 1-5 only), food and beverage cartons. All containers should be CLEAN with no food residue PLEASE. And what should you NOT put at the curb? First and foremost, **NO plastic bags**, also—no clothing, no hangers or cords, no food, no batteries, no big items, and NO Styrofoam. To learn more www.swalco.org.

NO PLASTIC BAGS

