

Village of South Elgin

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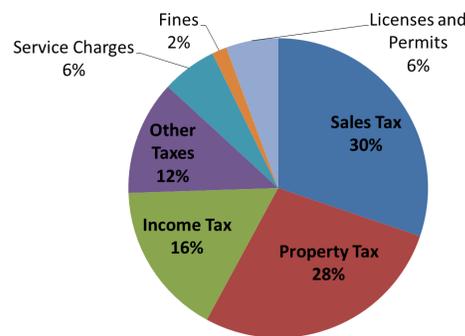
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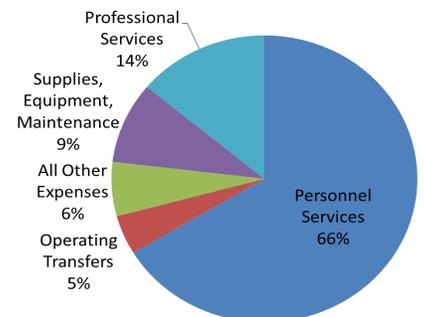
Letter from the Village Administrator

On February 1, 2016, I provided the Trustees an overview of the community's financial position as the Village begins the budget development process for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2016 and ending April 30, 2017. It was a very positive meeting and I thought it would be a good idea to share this information with you. The Village's General Fund accounts for resources which are not accounted for in other funds such as proprietary funds (water and refuse) and other governmental funds such as capital, infrastructure and debt service.



General Fund Revenues by Type - FYE2015

General Fund revenues come from several sources, but mostly sales taxes, property taxes and income taxes. Fees, fines, grants, permits and other taxes add to Village revenues, but the Village relies heavily upon taxes to provide the public services our citizens have come to expect.



General Fund Expenditures by Type - FYE2015

Although professional services, supplies, and equipment are typical General Fund expenses; it is the salaries, benefits, healthcare costs, and pension obligations of the employees and officers who provide public services to our residents which command 66% of the expenses in the operating budget.

The financial condition of the Village is strong as we enter the budget season for the following reasons:

- Revenues are growing faster than expenditures because of the success of the Randall Road Corridor.
- The Village maintains healthy fund balances in its governmental and proprietary funds.
- Efficient staffing and investments in technology have improved public services and efficiency.
- Low debt and an excellent bond rating protect our finances in the event of unanticipated economic fluctuations.

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Public Safety Reminders

Daylight saving time begins on Sunday, March 13th at 2 am - Remember to change the batteries in your smoke/carbon monoxide detectors.

Visit Community Development Department's Flood Safety Open House on March 18th between 2:30 and 4:30 pm in the lobby of Village Hall.

April is Safe Digging Month - call JULIE at 800-892-0123 or 811 before beginning any project requiring excavation.

A collection program for expired medications is held on the 4th Saturday of each month in the lobby of Village Hall from 9 am–noon.

Be informed in the event of an emergency, sign up for the CodeRed emergency public notification service. Register online at www.southelgin.com or at the lobby of Village Hall.

Drivers and bicyclist are required to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks.

To promote a pedestrian-friendly environment vehicles parked in driveways should not block the sidewalk.

Outdoor fireplaces must be accessory structures located in the rear yard. Open ground fire or pits are not allowed. No garbage or yard waste is permitted to be burned.

Road construction project updates affecting travel are posted at www.southelgin.com.

Go to www.southelgin.com

- Registration information for Ride-in-Kane Transportation Service
- Registration information for Parks & Recreation programs
- Refuse & Recycling Information
- Annual Meeting Calendar
- News
- Special Events

Free Community Shredding Event



Residents are invited to bring up to 5 boxes (or paper bags) to the parking lot of Village Hall, 10 N. Water Street for document shredding on Saturday, June 25th from 9 - 11 am.

Shredding will take place on a first-come first-served basis. All documents will be shredded on-site by Accurate Document Destruction, Inc., Elk Grove Village, IL.

Please be sure all paper is free of metals such as paperclips and binders. Once the shredding truck is filled to capacity, the event will end.

Over 2.75 tons of paper was shredded at our last event held in 2014.

Step Back in Time

According to Ralph Tredup, who chronicled the history of South Elgin in his book *South Elgin: 150 Years of Heritage*, this photo depicts Bohnes Kiddie Park (1953-1968) originally located at LaFox and Melrose Street. The park closed in the fall of 1968. At closing most of the equipment including the merry-go-round was purchased by the Traverse Bay Wood Company, Traverse Bay, Michigan.



Bohnes Kiddie Park



Visit us at www.southelgin.com



Seasonal Reminders

The General Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, March 15th. Early voting began on February 4th and continues through the 14th of March. For full election details visit kanecountyelections.org.

Street Sweeping will be conducted in March and April. Each year approximately 135 tons of debris is removed from streets.

Yard waste pick up such as grass, leaves, small shrubs, and vines may be placed at curb for pickup by Republic Services on your normal garbage day. This service begins on March 1st and continues through December 15th .

Refuse containers should not be placed at curbside earlier than the evening prior to collection.

Tree limb pick up takes place the 1st and 3rd full week each month. Call Public Works at 847-695-3609x3 to be placed on a pickup schedule.

Recreational vehicle parking is permitted on personal property beginning April 1st through October 31st.

Spring hydrant flushing begins in early May. Watch for signs to be posted in affected areas.

The South Elgin VFW Post 2327 will host a Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 30, 2016 in Patton Mill Park (across from Village Hall) at 10:00 am.

Don't forget your building permit for spring projects. Building permits ensure compliance with building, plumbing and electrical codes.

The Adopt-a-Park Program provides an opportunity for residents and organizations to assist the Parks Department in keeping community parks attractive and safe.

Community Gardens on Spring and Raymond Street are available for rent. Reserve your plot today. Contact Parks and Recreation at 847-622-0003 for additional information.

Drones are prohibited in the Village park system without a special permit (Ordinance No. 2016-09).



TREE CITY USA®

The Village has been recognized as a Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation since 2004.

The Village recognizes the importance of trees in our community and offers residents the opportunity to participate in a 50/50 Parkway Tree Replacement Program. Residents can share the cost of planting trees along the parkways in front of their homes.

Applications may be downloaded at www.southelgin.com or for additional information on this program, residents may contact the Public Works Department at 847-695-2742.

Village Administrator's Financial Overview continued

The State of Illinois budget impasse and lack of cooperation in Springfield; rising pension and healthcare costs; the loss of institutional knowledge as senior employees retire in the coming years; and the need for critical capital improvements in neighborhoods and roadways are issues which face the Board while developing the budget for the coming year. The good news is we will begin the process in a strong financial position, with a knowledgeable and tenured staff.

A full discussion of these issues, as well as new operating department initiatives will be discussed by the Board of Trustees and staff in the month of March. The Trustees will convene the annual budget public hearing on April 4, 2016.

Best Regards,
Steve Super
Village Administrator

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Meeting Calendar

March

7th - Village Board Meetings - 7:00 pm
12th - Adjudication Hearing - 9:00 am
14th - Budget Workshop - 6:00 pm
16th - Planning & Zoning Commission - 7:00 pm
21st - Village Board Meetings - 7:00 pm
28th - Budget Workshop (if necessary) 6:00 pm
The Recreation Board does not meet in March

April

4th - Board Meetings & Budget Public Hearing - 7:00 pm
9th - Adjudication Hearing - 9:00 am
11th - Budget Workshop (if necessary) 6:00 pm
18th - Village Board Meetings - 7:00 pm
20th - Planning & Zoning Commission - 7:00 pm
25th - Recreation Board - 7:00 pm

May

2nd - Village Board Meetings - 7:00 pm
14th - Adjudication Hearing - 9:00 am
16th - Village Board Meetings - 7:00 pm
18th - Planning & Zoning Commission - 7:00 pm
23rd - Recreation Board Meeting - 7:00 pm
30th - All Administrative Offices are Closed

Many Thanks to Community Volunteers

Citizen involvement is a vital part of the Village's success story. The Village Board would like to thank the following volunteers for demonstrating that by working together we can meet our challenges and accomplish our goals:

- **Board of Fire & Police Commissioners:** John Fialko, Tom Foster and Mike Nohl
- **Board of Trustees of the Police Pension Fund:** Jerry Krawczyk Jr., Mike Flaningam, Stan Helgerson, James McNamee and Jim Spivey
- **Emergency Management Agency:** Bob Balsamo, Greg Hubiak, Jeanette Hubiak and Jerry Chapman
- **E-911 Telephone Board:** Chris Merritt, Lou Oine, Jim Spivey, Jerry Krawczyk, Bill Sohn and Bob Balsamo
- **Planning & Zoning Commission:** Brian Carlson, Richard Watson, Leo Metz, Greg Lieser, Jennifer McClure, Cynthia Tarka and Tom Kusswurm
- **Recreation Board:** Mary Reese Freeman, Mary Rohr, Nancy Christensen, James Davis Jr., Karen Cluchey, Mark McGinnis and Andrew Hauser
- **Special Events Committee:** Mary VanWinkle, Joyce Ware, Leo Snyder, Tom Foster, Ron Thompson, Ryan Genz, Bill DiFulvio, Susan Wright and Teri Hansen



First row: Trustee Jennifer Barconi, Village Clerk Margo Gray, Trustee Lisa Guess
Second row: Trustees Robert B. Saucedo, Scott Richmond, Village President Steven Ward, and Trustees Mike Kolodziej, and John Sweet

Village Hall - 847-742-5780
Public Works - 847-695-2742
Community Development - 847-741-3894
Parks & Recreation - 847-622-0003
Police Non-Emergency - 847-741-2151
EMERGENCY - 911

FEEDBACK: Please mail any comments to: Village Administrator,
Village of South Elgin, 10 North Water Street, South Elgin, IL 60177
or visit www.southelgin.com

Flood Hazard Areas

6% of the Village is in two 100-year floodplains. At the western edge is the Otter Creek Floodplain and in the center is the Fox River Floodplain.

Overbank flooding is the general type of flooding caused by Otter Creek. During a normal flood event, 6 inches of rain in a 24 hour time period jeopardizes the Creek's banks and overflows along the western edge of the Thornwood Subdivision. Flooding along the Fox River is normally a much slower event and can be caused by rain further north as it makes its way to the river for eventual discharge into the Illinois River.

In 2007 and 2013, areas along the Fox River and Otter Creek saw flooding due to heavy rainfall over an extended period of time. In 2008, severe flooding occurred due to heavy rainfall in a short period of time. Information on whether your property is in the 100-year floodplain can be obtained by Paul Kruse in the Community Development Department. Maps and other flood information are available. The Village has Elevation Certificates for new development. Contact Community Development at 847-741-3894 for assistance.

Flood Insurance

If you do not have flood insurance, talk to your insurance agent. Most homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. Flood insurance is only available in a National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) participating community. South Elgin works hard to manage the floodplain and is in the NFIP. Check your policy to ensure you have adequate coverage. Usually these policies cover the building structure, not contents. Contents coverage can be added, and insures your belongings. There is a 30-day waiting period before flood insurance coverage becomes effective. Plan ahead; do not wait until a flood is predicted before purchasing insurance. Within the floodplain, flood insurance is mandatory if using a federally regulated/insured bank for a loan.

Floodplain Permit Requirements

All development within the 100-year floodplain (including new buildings, filling, excavation, fences, etc.) requires a permit. Applications must be made prior to doing any work. Please contact Community Development at 847-741-3894 for more information regarding what you will need to properly develop in the floodplain or to report illegal development activities.

If you have flooding or drainage problems on your property, Village staff can provide on-site assistance. Contact Paul Kruse at 847-741-3894.

Additional Information: More detailed information regarding flood-related issues in South Elgin is available at FEMA.gov, Community Development Department (847-741-3894), Floodplain Information Page at www.southelgin.com and the St. Charles Public Library.

Flood Safety

The following guidelines can help protect you from flood dangers:

1. Do not drive through a flooded area or around barriers. More people drown in cars than anywhere else.
2. Do not walk through flowing water. Currents can be deceptive. 6" of water can knock you off your feet.
3. Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. If your house is about to be flooded, turn off the power at the service box. Electrical current can travel through water.
4. Be alert to gas leaks. Turn off the gas to your house before it floods. If you smell gas, report it to Nicor. Do not use candles, lanterns or open flames if you smell gas or are unsure if your gas has been shut off.
5. Keep children away from flood water, ditches, culverts & storm drains. Flood water can carry unimaginable items that have dislodged themselves. Culverts may suck smaller people in, rendering them helpless.
6. Clean everything that has been wet. Flood water will be contaminated with sewage and other chemicals which pose severe health threats.
7. Do not use gas engines, such as generators, or charcoal fires indoors during power outages. Carbon monoxide exhaust can pose serious health hazards.

Flood Warning System

Many times, flooding along the Fox River can be predicted in advance, giving ample warning for preparation and evacuation. However, in the event of a flash flood due to a large rain event, you may be the first to notice the oncoming situation and have only hours to execute your plan. Notify the Police Department if significant flooding occurs. The Village's Emergency Alert System will be activated. Tune your radio to WRMN 1410AM for local weather service updates. You will also see regular interruption on local radio and television stations advising you of the situation.

Substantial Improvement/Damage

NFIP requires that if the cost of improvements to a building or the cost to repair damages (from any cause) to a building exceeds 50% of the market value of a building (excluding land), the entire building must be brought up to current floodplain management standards. Building improvement projects include remodeling, additions, and repairs. Additionally, the cost of currently planned improvements will be added to the cost of previously made improvements and compared to the existing market value to determine if the improvements exceed 50% of the structure's value. Contact Community Development at 847-741-3894 for more information.

Natural & Beneficial Functions

Floodplains play a valuable role in providing natural and beneficial functions to the area. Floodplains that are relatively undisturbed provide a wide range of benefits to both human and natural systems. These benefits provide aesthetic pleasure and function to provide active processes such as filtering nutrients. The natural areas surrounding Otter Creek and the parks along the Fox River are used as a means to filter run-off so that these areas can maintain bio-diversity and ecosystem sustainability. Both enhance waterfowl, fish and other wildlife habitats and provide feeding/breeding grounds. They also provide natural erosion control and open space so further flooding damage is reduced.

Drainage System Maintenance

Keeping ditches and streams free of debris can dramatically improve the run-off capacity of low-lying areas and greatly reduce the occurrence of blockage that contributes to flooding. It is illegal to dump materials into a waterway and violators may be fined. If you see someone dumping or if you see debris in the drainage system, contact Community Development at 847-741-3894.

Property Protection Measures

If your property is susceptible to flooding, there are many flood damage reduction measures you can employ:

1. Apply watertight seals to brick and block walls to protect against low-level flooding.
2. Elevate utilities such as air conditioners, water heaters and other major appliances to higher floors or on a raised platform.
3. Temporarily move furniture and valuables to higher floors.
4. Elevate or relocate the entire structure, if feasible.

Be the Solution to Stormwater Pollution

As stormwater flows over driveways and lawns, it picks up debris, chemicals and other pollutants. Stormwater can flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a stream, river or wetland. Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water. Homeowners can keep common pollutants out of stormwater system.

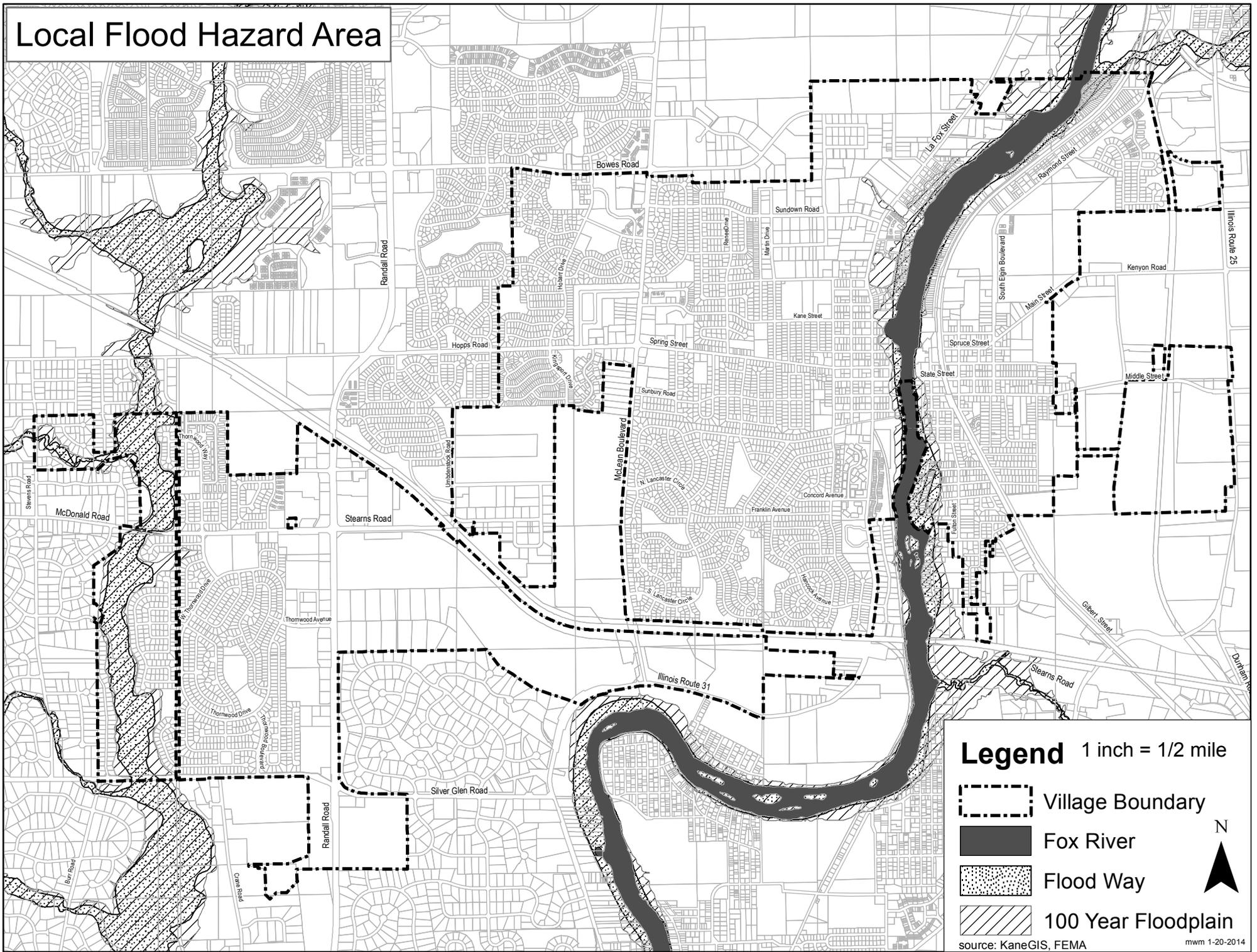
- Use a commercial carwash.
- Recycle used oil and other automotive fluids.
- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly.
- Do not over water your lawn.
- Clean paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors.

Proper use and disposal of materials will help maintain water quality within the Village. For more information, visit:

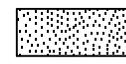
www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or www.epa.gov/nps.

To report illegal discharges to the storm drain system, call Public Works at 847-695-2742.

Local Flood Hazard Area



Legend 1 inch = 1/2 mile

-  Village Boundary
-  Fox River
-  Flood Way
-  100 Year Floodplain

