From: Ted Wynnychenko
To: reneesnow@illinois.gov; Wobig, Loren; Casey, James; lrcregweb@usace.army.mil; Haile, Abel; DNR.Dwrm
Subject: [External]
Date: Sunday, May 29, 2022 9:30:43 AM

Theodore Wynnychenko
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May 29, 2022

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RE: IDNR Permit C20220006
USACOE LRC-2021-454

VIA EMAIL

Dear Sir or Madam:

It has come to my attention your agencies will make a determination regarding the permit referenced above later this week.

I admit I have been remiss in not speaking out sooner, as I believed the possibility of this permit's approval was improbable.

I have now come to believe that such approval may not improbable.

I am dumbfounded that this permit, in its current form, has reached this point in the permitting process.

Your departments have a duty to enforce the laws of our state and country, and consider the rights of all citizens (not just "Winnetkan's") when making you decisions.

In this case, the law is clear. The permit submitted seeks, essentially, to take public property for private use, and cannot be allowed. Lake Michigan is held in public trust, and no agent of the government has the right or authority to give up this trust (Illinois Central R. Co. v. Illinois, 146

U.S. 387 (1892)).

Most recently, in Randall Pavlock, et al. v. Eric J. Holcomb, Governor of Indiana, et al., 21-1599., the U.S. 7th Circuit Court of Appeals refused to disturb Indiana's codification that the Lake Michigan shoreline is, and has always been, owned by the state for the public's use. The same holds true in Illinois.

Therefore, regardless of any concerns about "stabilization," this permit cannot be approved in its current form as it, essentially, "takes" the public's property.

In fact, the only remotely analogous structure I am aware of is the border fence which extends 300 feet into the Pacific Ocean between San Diego and Tijuana. It is troubling that the Winnetka Park District and private landowners along Lake Michigan believe that such a structure is neeed here.

It is incomprehensible to me that a permit allowing the installation of a 125 foot long fence out over the bed of Lake Michigan, out over public land, may be on the verge of approval. This structure has no effect on "stabilization," rather it appears to be an attempt to provide "privacy" and unhindered Lake access to a select few, and the expense of the general public.

In its current form, this permit cannot be accepted. Doing so would represent a breach of your departments' duty and responsibility to all citizens of, not only, Illinois, but also, the United States.

Sincerely,

Theodore Wynnychenko

From: Laurie Morse
To: Casey, James; Soren.G.Hall@usace.army.mil
Subject: [External] [BULK] Message from the Winnetka Village President: Statement on Elder-Centennial Beach
Date: Friday, June 3, 2022 12:28:16 PM

Dear Mr. Casey and Mr. Hall:
Please enter the letter below from Winnetka Village President, Chris Rintz, into the public record and the file for the LRC-2021-00454 Winnetka Elder Centennial beach permit application.
Thank you,
Laurie Morse

Because it's a natural world

From: Village of Winnetka <Communications@Winnetka.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 3:32 PM
Subject: Message from the Village President: Statement on Elder-Centennial Beach

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June 2, 2022

Dear Neighbors,

Many of you have shared your concerns regarding the project proposed by the Winnetka Park District at Elder and Centennial Parks. As part of their application to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), the Park District included a request to build a privacy screen at the southern terminus of the newly configured public beach. The Village, along with other State and

Federal officials, provided letters of general support, which were included in the Winnetka Park District submittal to IDNR. I would like to take the opportunity to provide clarity on the Village's position on these matters.

The Village has long supported the connection of Elder and Centennial. This goal was included in the 2020 Comprehensive Plan (published in 1999) and will most likely be reflected in the 2040 update which is currently being developed by our Plan Commission. The letter of support did not require Village Council action, as it is stating support for a vision that has been promoted broadly over the past few decades, and is contained within the Village's primary policy document – the Comprehensive Plan.

It is common practice for taxing agencies to seek support letters for applications and petitions from other governmental agencies. Typically, the requesting agency will create a template outlining the project goals, which is modified by each responder. This case was no different. Since these letters are more general in nature, they usually don't include a vigorous review of all the components, as those items are trusted to the elected officials that are charged with making those decisions. If you review the letters of support, they make no mention of any sort of "wall," but express support conceptually for the overall vision of the plan. I do not believe that any of the agencies who provided such letters contemplated ceding to the demands of a private property owner seeking unfair advantage – I know the Village did not.

I trust the process we are now navigating, and ask that you do, too. The Winnetka Park District is fortunate to have thoughtful Commissioners who have spent much time planning this project. Members of our community are making their voices heard on the issue, and I have faith that the Board will listen, consider all the commentary, and use it to guide their decisions. Civility in disagreement is foremost when having these discussions, and I am hoping that we can allow the process to work. As long as we conduct these conversations in a fact-based, non-confrontational manner, we will get to the right place.

It is unfortunate that a single property owner has chosen to promote a change in the plan beyond what was agreed upon. As originally crafted, the property swap is an outstanding opportunity to help realize a vision promoted for decades. It is easy to vilify someone for asking for more, but it is hoped that the current dialogue will help this new resident understand the passion and concern regarding the Public Trust Doctrine, and Winnetka Park District can move

forward with a plan that reflects the desires of the community.

I know the Park District Board did not seek this out, but now the issue is firmly in their purview to resolve. They are volunteers, neighbors, and friends, just like you, and are trying to do the right thing. Share your thoughts kindly and support them as they work to find the best answer for the entire community and bring about a positive change on our lakefront.

Sincerely,

Chris Rintz
Village President

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From: Maryann Burke
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] \Centennial/ Elder Lane Beaches, Winnetka, IL -Plan is in violation of the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine
Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2022 5:21:12 PM

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1. The current design blocks pedestrian access to the beach north and south of Park District property in violation of the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine. (At Lloyd beach, there is a passage between the public and private beaches) 2. The louvered steel fence / wall on top of the breakwater is an unproven design that walls in the beach and obliterates the current panoramic view both north and south. The top of the steel wall is over 13 feet higher than sand elevation near the water which obstructs the view of the shoreline and impedes the ability to freely walk the beach. The tree plantings will be even taller, as high as 20 feet. 3. This design feature, if approved, would set a precedent that could be replicated at other properties along the shore creating a series of walled off private beaches on public land. 4. Shoreline erosion protection and bluff preservation can be accomplished without the downsides of the current design 5. Please consider revising the plan, removing the steel wall that was not approved by taxpaying residents and allowing for passage between the beach similar to what the village provided at newly completed Lloyd beach

Maryann Burke

[redacted]

From: Montana Vacation
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] 13 Ft Metal Retaining Wall at Each End of our new Centennial/Elder Beach in Winnetka
Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 9:41:53 AM

Dear Sir,

I am writing today to question the need for a very tall Metal retaining wall at each end of our new beach in Winnetka. All of our other beaches have been protected by natural rock break-walls which seems to be a much better option both visually as well as environmentally. The city of Chicago protects its harbors and Navy Pier with natural rock break-walls, it seems like Winnetka could do the same. I hope that you will reconsider your options and select a method of shoreline protection more in keeping with the natural beauty of the area and the beaches.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Linda Bergdahl

[redacted]

From: Anne O"Brien
To: Bayers, Ania; Casey, James; Snow, Renee; Wobig, Loren
Subject: [External] application for steel wall
Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 11:02:06 AM

Dear INDR representatives,

Please deny the application for the addition of a steel wall from the Winnetka Park District.

This wall will affect not only those living in Winnetka but all communities that reside on Lake Michigan and enjoy the beauty and recreation of its beachfront.

The wall was not part of the 2030 Waterfront Plan, was not communicated to the public until just recently and will obliterate the view both North and South of the lake front.

Erecting this wall would set off a series of walled off fortresses extending onto and blocking access to Public Lands.

The effort by private riparian owners to attempt to privatize public beach land is just plain wrong and goes against Winnetka's history of having everyone enjoy beautiful Lake Michigan, on whose shore we live.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Anne O'Brien Prager

From:	Marie DeLean
To:	Bayers, Ania; Contact@robyngabel.com; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Soren.G.Hall@usace.army.mil; Casey, James
Cc:	wpdinfo@winpark.org
Subject:	[External] Application LRC-2021-00454 regarding Centennial/ Elder Lane Beaches, Winnetka, IL
Date:	Wednesday, June 1, 2022 2:36:48 PM

Dear Representatives of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, United States Army Corps of Engineers, and State Representative Robyn Gabel:

My name is Marie DeLean and I reside at [redacted]. My phone numbers are [redacted] and [redacted] My email address is [redacted]

I am writing regarding the Winnetka Park District's application #LRC-2021-00454, which proposes to swap a parcel of public parkland with a private residence that currently separates Elder and Centennial parks and their adjoining beaches.

As you know, this project has been in the making for at least six years and has undergone a number of changes in that time. Unfortunately, many of them have not been communicated to the public in a timely or comprehensive manner. For example, the community was never notified that they would lose their beloved dog beach. When a resident questioned the Winnetka Park District commissioners and received confirmation the dog beach was going away, he organized a petition that over 1,100 residents signed, all in favor of keeping the dog beach. Over 100 residents attended the next Winnetka Park District meeting and many spoke passionately, not only about the dog beach, but about the lack of transparency on behalf of the Winnetka Park District.

The Board denied the residents' pleas to keep the dog beach, but agreed to form a resident committee to explore other potential dog beach locations in Winnetka. I'm on that committee.

I mention that backstory because I think it's relevant to what's happening now with the proposed plan to unify Elder and Centennial beaches. Very recently the design was amended to add a set of 'louvred walls' on top of the rock breakwaters on either side of the new, unified beach. Again, the public wasn't told. The new design simply appeared on the Park District's website within the last two months.

Interestingly, the Winnetka Park District claims at least four times in its application and responses to your organizations that the louvred walls are intended to keep off-leash dogs off private property. But what dogs would those be, if there is no longer a dog beach at that site? There has been no communication to the public or the committee on which I serve declaring an intention to use that site for dogs.

They also state that the louvres "are intended to protect beach users from the inherent fall risk created by the breakwaters themselves," a statement that points out another flaw with the design: the breakwaters themselves are a fall risk.

I'm not an engineer, but this plan seems over-designed to me. Is there not a way to protect the bluff and parkland from erosion without building an unsafe rock breakwater?

Furthermore, the design calls for two separate horseshoe-shaped bays, one for non-motorized watercraft, and for one swimming. We do not need another bay for non-motorized watercraft,

as we just spent $5.1 million dollars creating just that at Lloyd Beach. As it happens, Lloyd Beach also has new rock breakwater walls, *without* a louvre wall on top. We can easily add more watercraft at Lloyd Beach. Man-made bays like this are unnatural to Lake Michigan. Let us have breaking waves, a shoreline that changes with tides and storms, and a contiguous stretch of land to traverse, not the two bays of shallow, standing water that would be created by the proposed design.

Perhaps most importantly, the applications states, "The louvres wall would prohibit pedestrian movement along the shoreline at the north and south ends of the project." This is in *direct violation* of the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine, which allows pedestrian movement below the mean high tide line.

The application goes on to highlight approximately twenty other public and private properties along the lake that block access to beaches with various walls and fences. It's incredibly inappropriate to use examples of a violation of the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine to justify a similar violation.

The louvred walls will block views of our area's most gorgeous asset: Lake Michigan. It creates a large, enclosed sandbox designed to keep people in. I'm all for a beautiful, safe, well-engineered park and beach at Elder-Centennial. I am not in favor of unnecessary walls that violate the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine for the benefit of one private citizen who wishes to keep people on one side of that wall.

Our residents deserve better. Lake Michigan deserves better. Please deny application LRC-2021-00454 as it stands. We will all benefit from less engineering, simpler man-made intervention, and fewer walls.

Most sincerely,
Marie DeLean

From: Laura DeMoor
To: wpdinfo@winpark.org; Casey, James; Wobig, Loren
Subject: [External] Beach fence
Date: Thursday, June 2, 2022 5:15:45 PM

Please take to heart the hundreds of citizens who have opposed the beach fence addition to the plan. The land swap is nice to have, and the overall plan seemed to benefit everyone. But this addition to the plan greatly changes the calculus, benefiting only one. The grave detriment to the public sight lines and the horrible precedent far outweigh any benefit to a unified Elder and Centennial Beach.

It is often that last minute ask in a negotiation that takes a deal from fair and agreed to unfair. It must be very frustrating to have worked so long for this deal and see it potentially fall away. But what would be worse is if the Park District is held hostage by one individual. At least this taxpayer would rather have two beaches than one beach with a wall.

Laura DeMoor

From: Jenna M. Griffin
To: Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania; croot@winpark.org
Subject: [External] Beach Wall
Date: Friday, May 20, 2022 8:56:18 AM

Hello,

Please do not put the walls up on the Winnetka beach. This does not offer a sense of community.

Thank you,

Jenna ([redacted] resident)

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Jenna M. Griffin

From: Dirk Hudson
To: Dunn, Jared
Subject: [External] Centennial and Elder Lane Beaches, Winnetka IL
Date: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 5:10:25 PM

I have lived in Winnetka near Elder Lane and Centennial beach parks for thirty years. I am willing to object to the proposal to include barrier walls on the north and south ends of the proposed park.

These walls would be unsightly and obstruct the views north and south along the shoreline. In addition, they could establish a bad precedent allowing other property owners to erect similar laws for their own property.

These walls are not in the best interests of the community or the natural beauty of the lakeshore.

From:	BARBARA RITTENHOUSE
To:	Casey, James
Cc:	Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania
Subject:	[External] CENTENNIAL / ELDER BEACHES - WINNETKA, ILLINOIS
Date:	Thursday, May 26, 2022 12:18:42 PM

As a long time resident (25+ years) of Winnetka, I would like to express my concern about the Revised Design at Centennial/ Elder Beaches in Winnetka, Illinois for the following reasons:

1. The current design blocks pedestrian access to the public beach north and south of Park District property in violation of the Public Trust Doctrine and to the benefit of private riparian owners. The privatization of public beach should not be supported by the regulator and is an express violation of the IL Rivers Lakes & Stream Act! All other Winnetka beaches have a passage between the Winnetka Park Beach and the neighboring property, typically with stone quarry step access.

2. The design as sought for permit was not part of the Winnetka 2030 Waterfront Plan that was well communicated to the public and generally supported by the public. The louvered steel fence / wall from the toe of the bluff traveling on the border boundaries of the parks and then on top of the stone breakwater was not part of the 2030 Waterfront Plan, was not communicated to the public, is an unproven design that will wall in the beach and obliterate the current panoramic view both north and south of the Lake front. The top of the steel wall is over 9.5 feet higher than sand elevation near the water which obstructs the view of the shoreline and impedes the ability to freely walk the beach. The tree plantings will be even taller, as high as 20 feet. This unique and unproven design does effectively provide a special interest with a privacy screen but serves very little if any bluff/beach restoration purpose. I urge the agency to due its duty, refuse this metal fence design and honor the law by providing the public with access to the public beach. 3. This beach in a cage design, if approved, would set a precedent that could be replicated at other properties along the shore creating a series of walled off fortresses extending onto and blocking access to public land. The effort by private riparian owners to attempt to privatize public beach land is wrong and should not be permitted by the agency. 4. Shoreline erosion protection and bluff preservation can be accomplished without the downsides of the current design. Also, the applicants did not offer less restrictive alternatives to this beach in a cage concept. 5. I respectfully request that you set this matter for public hearing to hear further from the public or that you deny this application.

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Sincerely,
Barbara Rittenhouse

[redacted]

From: Rebecca Ferguson
To: Crown, Jamie; Wilkin, Loren; Snow, Renee; Revert, Anja
Subject: [External] Centennial / Elder Lane Beaches - Winnetka IL
Date: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 10:53:52 PM

Hello Jim, Loren, Renee and Anja,

I would like to take just a moment of your time to reach out about the project up for approval involving the Elder-centennial beach restoration in Winnetka, IL.

The co-applicants are Winnetka Park District and Orchard 2020 Trust.

I decided to send one email to all of you combined because I know there is limited time for us to contact you and this seemed most efficient.

It has come to the attention of the residents that the Winnetka Park district, while working with the landowners to the south of the park, has made a significant change to the plans previously approved by the residents.

They have added a very tall steel fence / wall to the top of the stone breakwater that, as far as we can tell, serves primarily to provide a shield for the private property owner to the south of the park.

I'm sure you're aware, this individual is involved with swapping land with the park and seems to hold a great deal of leverage in the transaction.

I actually feel badly for the Park district because I think they must feel they are now beholden to the wealthy "donor" who actually only is offering to swap land, not donate anything.

If you have it within your power to not approve the current plans but instead to research this matter further, I think you will uncover a great deal of information.

All of the fellow residents I've spoken with are very concerned that if the plans are approved it will set a terrible precedent of allowing portions of the beach to be walled off and violate the Illinois Public trust doctrine.

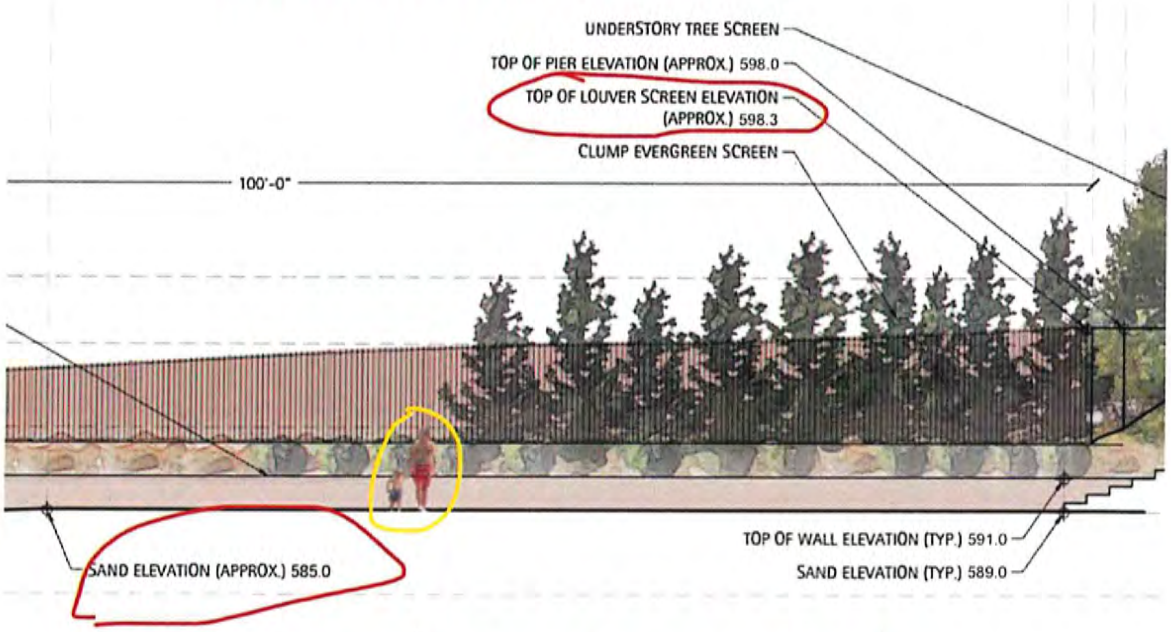
Our park district recently competed a beach improvement at Lloyd beach and there was no steel fence / wall and there is access for public to continue to walk the shoreline.

Here is a photo

Below is what's proposed for elder- centennial.

We see no reason why we can't have the same type of breakwater as Lloyd. It would preserve the continuous shoreline view, access and be a far more natural landscape.

Top of wall is 13 feet
above sand level



View facing south

Thank you very much for your time and attention to this matter, I greatly appreciate it.

I live near the park and my daughter who has autism loves going for long walks along the shoreline. I truly hope we can continue to do so and don't need to drive to the beach in another town.

Please let me know if I can be of any service in this extremely important matter,

Rebecca Ferguson

From: John Levine
To: Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania; croot@winpark.org
Subject: [External] Centennial and Elder Lane Beach Plans
Date: Sunday, May 22, 2022 8:06:31 PM

Hello,

I am very much opposed to the revised plan with a 13' steel wall at the beach.

- This design violates the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine by blocking pedestrian access to the beach north and south of Park District property.
- The louvered steel fence/wall on top of the breakwater is an unproven design that would wall in the beach, impeding the ability to freely walk the beach and obliterating panoramic views to both north and south.
- While the tree plantings are a nice natural feature, they will make the wall even even taller, as much as 20 feet.
- If approved, the design would set a precedent that could be replicated at other properties along the shore, creating a series of walled off private beaches on public land.
- Shoreline erosion protection and bluff preservation can be accomplished without the downsides of the proposed design

I urge you to consider revising the plan, removing the steel wall that was not approved by taxpaying residents and allowing for passage between the beach similar to what the village provided at newly completed Lloyd beach.

Thank you.

John Levine

From: Deb Emry
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] Centennial and Elder Lane Beaches Winnetka IL
Date: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 4:57:53 PM

I have been a resident of for over 30 years and am writing to share my concerns and objections to the proposed wall(s) to north and south of Centennial and Elder Lane beaches as unnecessary, obstructions, unsightly, bad precedent and beneficial not to the public but to one property owner. Please do not approve or allow proposed or similar structures in Winnetka . Thank you.

From: Kay Ettington
To: reneesnow@illinois.gov; Wobig, Loren; Casey, James
Subject: [External] Centennial and Elder Park Lane
Date: Sunday, May 29, 2022 3:01:36 AM

To Whom it May Concern:

It is very difficult to understand exactly what is being proposed for the subject project. What is going to happen to the property with the single family residence? Is there really a 13 foot high steel wall all around the new park? Does the steel wall extend 125 feet into the water? Will this proposed steel wall disrupt the view of adjacent land owners?

I am putting in my objection to this project until some of these issues are addressed and clarified.

Yours sincerely,

Kay Ettington

From: Carl Lane
To: Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania
Subject: [External] Centennial/ Elder Lane Beaches, Winnetka, IL
Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2022 10:49:17 AM

Dear All,

I am a long-term resident of the and prior board member Winnetka's Zoning Board of Appeal. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the steel walls component of the proposed development of Centennial/Elder Beaches in Winnetka. The steel walls are simply ridiculous as they would:

1. Would block the views up and down the lakefront from the beach
2. Would be an eyesore, especially when they begin to rust (at least rock outcroppings are natural)
3. Would prevent people from walking up and down the beach (it's my understanding that the public has a right to access beachfront under the Public Trust Doctrine)
4. The development goals can be achieved without the steel walls (rock outcroppings are used all along the Lake Michigan shoreline to minimize erosion and delineate property lines)

I urge you to reject the proposed steel walls.

Thanks, Carl

Carl S. Lane

From: Elizabeth Lane
To: Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania
Subject: [External] Centennial/ Elder Lane Beaches, Winnetka, IL (Co-Applicants: Winnetka Park District & Orchard 2020 Trust)
Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2022 9:17:43 AM

I am writing to express my strong opposition to one aspect of the proposed development of Centennial/Elder Beaches in Winnetka. I recently learned that the plans to combine and develop Centennial and Elder beaches was revised to add steel boarder walls enclosing the beach area and blocking it off from neighboring beachfront. The proposed walls are as high as 13 feet in some locations and will block views up and down the beach. The walls will also prevent people from walking along waters edge up and down Winnetka's shoreline to the north and south of the Centennial/Elder beach area. There are no current plans to create an opening in the walls that would allow the public to access adjacent beachfront.

The Public Trust Doctrine (which has been recognized in America since before the United States was an independent country, and which has been upheld in Illinois courts) says that the public has a right to access the shoreline up to the high water mark. The proposed walls would effectively block that access. In addition, a large part of the enjoyment beachgoers experience is the beautiful vista of our gorgeous Lake Michigan shoreline. To block that off with walls obstructing views to the north and south significantly and detrimentally impacts the public's ability to enjoy its beach.

To be clear, I have no objection to the remainder of the Centennial/Elder beach development. I also completely understand that private owners of property to the north and south have the right to restrict access to their beach property above the high water mark. Other beaches in Winnetka have been designed in a way that allows visibility and access to the wet sand area beyond the public beach's perimeters, while still delineating the border of the public beach. The Centennial/Elder beach development should be required to use a similar, and much less intrusive and violating, approach at Centennial/Elder.

I urge you to reject the proposed walls that would block both access and visibility to the north and south shoreline. This would be a horrible precedent to establish and would ruin our beautiful shoreline for generations to come.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Lane

From:	Mary Downie
To:	Soren.G.Hall@usace.army.mil; Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania
Cc:	croot@winpark.org; wjames@winpark.org
Subject:	[External] Centennial/ Elder Lane Beaches, Winnetka, IL (Co-Applicants: Winnetka Park District & Orchard 2020 Trust
Date:	Monday, May 30, 2022 11:48:51 AM

To: Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), attn:
- James Casey, Project Manager
- Loren Wobig, Director of Water Resources
- Ania Bayers, Director of Coastal Management Program
- Renee Snow, General Counsel

US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), attn:
- Soren G. Hall, Project Manager

CC: Winnetka Park District (WPD), attn:
- Warren James, President
- Colleen Root, Park District Commissioner

Thank you for taking the time to read this email. I live at [redacted]. I respectfully request that IDNR and USACE reject the proposed plan for Centennial/Elder Lane Beach submitted by the WPD and Orchard Trust (the landowner immediately to the south of Centennial/Elder Lane Beach). I also request that the IDNR and USACE expressly reject the proposed metal barriers that extend into the water at Elder-Centennial Beach in Winnetka, IL in the plan submitted to IDNR and USACE.

The plan sent for approval has significant and material deviations from the resident-approved 2030 Lakefront plan, including two metal barriers/fences that were added to the design. These fences are as tall as 13 feet above the water elevation. The planted trees will be even higher — as much as 20 feet high. The panoramic views, both North and South, along the beach will be utterly obliterated by a steel wall.

These walls are proposed as fencing to sit atop large rocks, and they are extremely unattractive. More importantly they block the both shoreline view and shoreline access (protected by the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine) for patrons of the beach. The panoramic views of the

shoreline will be completely blocked from view by these walls. Denying access to walking along the water's edge violates the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine. No private landowner has rights to any land submerged in water — the Great Lakes are owned in common, to be preserved for the common good.

The proposed steel fence that walls-off the beach sets a dangerous precedent that could lead to many more walled-off enclaves along the shoreline throughout Illinois, destroying the continuous shoreline and lakefront. The rights of the people of Illinois, under the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine, far outweighs the whims of a single private wealthy landowner.

These fences/walls do not blend with nature — most of the people living in the Village and neighboring communities wonder what in heck the WPD is thinking with this late change to the plan. Water, sand, rocks, are all elements of nature. A man-made steel fence anchored to rocks, towering above the height of people and extending into the water is atrociously ugly, starkly unnatural, and environmentally unfriendly.

Obviously, a steel wall is not required to protect the beachfront from erosion, as is proven by the just-completed renovation at Lloyd Beach also in Winnetka. Lloyd Beach simply has rocks with stone quarry steps allowing continuous access along the shoreline. The same access must exist for Centennial/Elder Lane Beach.

It's very concerning that residents appear not to have been notified of workshops to develop the modified beach plan —it seems that the WPD is using taxpayer money to acquiesce to the demands of a wealthy adjacent landowner (and the WPD admitted the change was made at the request of Orchard Trust in the public meeting on May 26, 2022). Even with little public notice of the change and a short time period, more than 50 people attended the WPD public meeting, and all but one objected to the plan. The residents of Winnetka who are aware of the proposed change overwhelming object.

WPD needs to work with the residents to with meaningful time for public comment on all plans and modifications for Centennial/Elder Beach, always being mindful of the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine and our beautiful natural shoreline, before a plan is approved by the IDNR and USACE.

Thank you,

Mary Downie

From:	Furton, Matthew
To:	Soren.G.Hall@usace.army.mil; Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Anja; croot@winpark.org
Subject:	[External] Centennial/ Elder Lane Beaches, Winnetka, IL (Co-Applicants: Winnetka Park District & Orchard 2020 Trust
Date:	Sunday, June 5, 2022 11:34:42 PM

Please see my note to the Winnetka Park District.

I appreciate the hard work of the Park District personnel and the Commissioners. As you make plans for the Elder+Centennial Park, please keep in mind that the public owns and has a right to access all of Winnetka's lakefront to the high water mark. See Illinois Central Railroad v. Illinois, 146 U.S. 387 (1892) (the people own all lands under the Great Lakes); Gunderson v. IN DNR, 90 N.E. 3d 1171 (IN 2018) (Lake MI extends to the ordinary high water mark); Glass v. Goekel, 703 NW 2d 58 (MI 2005) (the Great Lakes extend to the ordinary high water mark). The people have a right to walk at least part of every allegedly private beach in Winnetka. The 7th Circuit affirmed this principle last week. See https://www.theindianalawyer.com/articles/7th-circuit-affirms-dismissal-of-indiana-homeowners-suit-over-lake-michigan-beach-ownership#:~:text=A%207%20th%20Circuit%20panel%20upheld%20the%20lower,asserted%20injury%20or%20are%20capable%20of%20redressing%20it

I realize the dogs need to be contained, but there must be openings/doors in any fence/wall so that the people can walk onto their land to the south and north of the park.

Matt Furton

From:	Anne Madden
To:	Casey, James
Cc:	Wobig, Loren; renee.snow@illionois.gov
Subject:	[External] Centennial/ Elder Lane Beaches, Winnetka, IL (Co-Applicants: Winnetka Park District & Orchard 2020 Trust
Date:	Tuesday, May 24, 2022 10:26:20 AM

As a long time resident of Winnetka, I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed walls at the northern and southern ends of the centennial/Elder Lane Beach Project. The proposed plan doesn't reflect the values or interests of our community and it should be modified to reflect the values of the community, not just the benefit of one wealthy resident.

1. The proposed barriers with no pedestrian pass through is in violation of the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine.
(At Lloyd beach, there is a passage between the public and private beaches) 2. The louvered steel fence / wall on top of the breakwater is an unproven design that walls in the beach and obliterates the current panoramic view both north and south. The top of the steel wall is over 13 feet higher than sand elevation near the water which obstructs the view of the shoreline and impedes the ability to freely walk the beach. The tree plantings will be even taller, as high as 20 feet. 3. This design feature, if approved, would set a precedent that could be replicated at other properties along the shore creating a series of walled off private beaches on public land. 4. Shoreline erosion protection and bluff preservation can be accomplished without the downsides of the current design 5. Please consider revising the plan, removing the steel wall that was not approved by taxpaying residents and allowing for passage between the beach similar to what the village provided at newly completed Lloyd beach.

Thank you-
Anne Madden

Sent from my iPhone

From: ike fogt
To: Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania; croot@winpark.org
Subject: [External] Centennial/ Elder Lane Beaches, Winnetka, IL
Date: Monday, May 30, 2022 9:44:26 AM

To: james.casey@illinois.gov Jim Casey - Project Manager
Loren.Wobig@Illinois.gov IDNR Director of water resources
Renee.snow@illinois.gov IDNR General Counsel
Ania.Bayers@illinois.gov Director of Water Resources IDNR IL Coastal Management Plan
croot@winpark.org Colleen Root, Park District Commissioner

From: Isaac Fogt

RE: Centennial/ Elder Lane Beaches, Winnetka, IL (Co-Applicants: Winnetka Park District & Orchard 2020 Trust)

Hello,
I am writing about concerns over the project on the Winnetka Lakefront at Centennial/ Elder Lane Beaches. I am particularly concerned about the proposed louvered walls. These block the north and south aspects of the Park District property which blocks pedestrian access and obstructs views. This violates Illinois Public Trust Doctrine, illegally blocks public access, and would set a precedent that could be replicated at other properties along the shore creating a series of walled off private beaches on public land. The goal of these walls seem to be to satisfy the immediate neighbors – as noted by the intent in the Army Corp of Engineers documents to "***keep off-leash dogs on the public beach and off the adjacent private properties***" and "***prohibit pedestrian movement along the shoreline at the north and south ends of the project***".

This current proposal is a revision to the original 2016 plan with minimal presentation and opportunity for feedback. The Winnetka Park District claims that the walls will protect citizens from falls but the walls were not included in the 2016 plan and also the Park District recently renovated Lloyd beach with a similar design and there are no louvered walls on that beach. This revised plan should not be approved. Any approved plan should not include steel walls and should allow for passage between the beach similar to what the village provided at newly completed Lloyd beach.

At a recent Park District meeting on 5/26/22, there was significant public opposition to this plan and a petition opposing this plan has been signed by over 800 residents. The Park District should not use taxpayer money to further a special interest of one or two residents. Please help us keep the natural beauty of Winnetka's public beaches and keep the lakefront accessible to the taxpayers.

Thank you,
Isaac Fogt

From:	Sara Lease
To:	Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania
Subject:	[External] Centennial/ Elder Lane Beaches, Winnetka, IL (Co-Applicants: Winnetka Park District & Orchard 2020 Trust)
Date:	Thursday, June 2, 2022 9:31:09 AM

Dear All,

I am writing with concerns over the recently revised plans for Centennial/Elder beaches in Winnetka, IL. The revised design blocks pedestrian access to the beach north and south of park district property, which is in violation of the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine. Further, this would set a precedent that could be replicated at other properties along the North Shore beaches (not just limited to Winnetka but Glencoe, Wilmette, Evanston, etc). Further, the proposed 13 foot louvered steel fence/wall will block all panoramic views both North and South. It would completely block views of the shoreline and ability to walk the beach. Lloyd beach was recently updated and did not require any walls of this size for erosion or bluff preservation.

Please consider revising this plan and removing the steel wall that was not included in the original proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Sara Lease

From:	Peter Tyor
To:	Casey, James
Subject:	[External] Centennial/ Elder Lane Beaches, Winnetka, IL (Co-Applicants: Winnetka Park District & Orchard 2020 Trust
Date:	Wednesday, June 1, 2022 2:33:47 PM

Dear Jim Casey - Project Manager

I am objecting to the louvered steel fence on top of the breakwater that impedes pedestrian access and visual access to the lakefront.
Please champion the public's use and enjoyment of Lake Michigan and do not approve the proposed design.

Thank you for your consideration.

Peter Tyor
[redacted]

From: Sommer Jester
To: Soren.G.Hall@usace.army.mil; Bayers, Ania; reneesnow@illinois.gov; Wobig, Loren; Casey, James
Subject: [External] Centennial/ Elder Lane Beaches, Winnetka, IL
Date: Saturday, May 28, 2022 3:37:32 PM

DEAR IDNR AND ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS, I am writing in regards to the issue of the Centennial/ Elder Lane Beaches, Winnetka, IL (Co-Applicants: Winnetka Park District & Orchard 2020 Trust). Winnetka has an incredible lakefront that is to be accessible to all residents. We have two laws in Winnetka: one is a 7 foot fence rule which everyone in the village has abided by even those who live on the lake, NO MATTER HOW WEALTHY THEY ARE. EVERYONE has to abide by the law. Secondly, with gorgeous waterfront lake views, we all (citizens of Winnetka) have an unobstructed view of the lake that is 180 degrees. At a recent meeting of the Winnetka Park District, a petition with over 600 signatures AGAINST the 13 FOOT fence was presented. Most in attendance did not support the 13-foot fence, and NO ONE WANTS A FENCE OVER THE WATER. Just to repeat, we got 600 signature in a little over 24 hours. WE ALL OWN THE WATER & SHORELINE. ONE PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO INFRINGE ON THE WATERFRONT WITH A 13-FOOT LOUVERED FENCE THAT PROTRUDES 125 FEET!!!

THE RIGHTS OF THE LAKE ARE ALL OF OURS. WE DO NOT WANT TO LOOK OUT AT A WALL EVERY TIME WE KAYAK OR GO TO THE LAKE. TODAY WE CAN SEE ALL THE WAY TO GILSON BEACH FROM THE WATER AND IF THIS FENCE IS BUILT, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO. The new proposed fence will: 1. Be grossly oversized at 13 feet and out 125 feet over the water 2. Limit access for all Winnetkan's 3. Limit visibility up and down the lakefront 4. Benefit ONE or TWO people and not all of Winnetka 5. Set precedence that will ruin the lakefront 6. Every other Winnetkan on the lake has followed Winnetka's laws and put a 7-foot fence in and no one has put a fence over the water. Please don't start now. 7. NO OTHER MUNICIPALITY HAS THIS, NOT GLENCOE, KENILWORTH, WINNETKA, HIGHLAND PARK, LAKE FOREST, ETC, Have this property owner PUT THE ROCKS OUT LIKE EVERY OTHER HOUSE ON THE LAKE! PLEASE TURN DOWN THE REQUEST FOR THIS HORRENDOUS WALL THAT WILL RUIN OUR PARK AND OUR OUR LAKEFRONT.

Thank you,

From: Jessica Tucker
To: Soren.G.Hall@usace.army.mil; Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania
Cc: wpdinfo@winpark.org
Subject: [External] Centennial/ Elder Lane Beaches, Winnetka, IL - Public Comment
Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 7:13:56 AM

Dear USACE and IDNR Representatives,

As a coastal community, Winnetka has always been passionate about our lakefront: the shoreline, beaches, water quality, bluffs, ravines, and more. Our comprehensive planning through the years encompasses the waterfront. First written in 1921 (with the assistance of Edward H. Bennett, co-author of the 1909 Plan of Chicago) Winnetka's comprehensive plans have guided our local representatives ever since to be thoughtful stewards in managing change while preserving the traditional character of Winnetka.

Winnetka highly values its natural open shoreline, beautiful panoramic vistas, and public access. Through civic engagement and a comprehensive plan - most recently, Waterfront 2030 - our Winnetka Park District has implemented waterfront renovations with thoughtful and sensitive regard for environmental and aesthetic standards while maintaining pedestrian movement. The recently completed work at Lloyd Beach is an excellent example.

Unfortunately, it appears that there is a detrimental deviation from the original plan for the renovation at Centennial/Elder Beaches by the addition of an obstructive metal privacy barrier wall.

The USACE/IDNR feedback is illustrative:

Items #3 and #4 –"We have substantial concerns with the proposed louvered wall with regard to blocking access along the shoreline and aesthetics. We have historically required reasonable accommodations for pedestrian movement along the shoreline and anticipate doing so on this project as well."
(2021-10-13 WPD presentation to USACE and IDNR, p.23)

On paper it is deemed necessary for "safety from inherent fall risk." The wall is referred to as a "cage" and "fortress feeling" for which the WPD has proposed "planting pockets" to "lessen the feeling." However, in answer to a resident's question, the WPD clarified that the barrier was added at the request of the private property owner in the land swap. (WPD Board, May 26, 2022 meeting)

There is no necessary environmental purpose for this newly added privacy border barricade that blocks pedestrian movement along the shoreline, is aesthetically appalling, and uncharacteristic of Winnetka's lovely beaches. Had there been a compelling public benefit to set aside the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine along with the community's longstanding protection

of its natural, open, unobstructed shoreline, this proposed louvered steel wall would have been included in the original plan for proper community presentation and vetting. It appears that the WPD's thoughtful beach consolidation, repair, and renovation is now contingent on a private property owner's privacy demand. I hope for a better solution.

Please deny the application in its current form.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jessica Tucker

[redacted]

From: Robin Oldfield
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] Centennial/Elder Lane Beach Winnetka, IL (Co-Applicants: Winnetka Park District & Orchard 2020 Trust)
Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 11:10:45 AM

Dear Mr. Casey,

I am writing to express my concern for the project under consideration for the beach in Winnetka, IL.

The key points that should be addressed are as follows:

1.The current design blocks pedestrian access to the beach north and south of Park District property in violation of the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine.

2. The louvered fence on top of the breakwater is an unproven design that walls in the beach and obliterates the current panoramic view both north and south. This design feature, if approved, would set a precedent that would soon be replicated at other properties along the shore creating a series of walled off private beaches on public land.

3. Shoreline erosion protection and bluff preservation can be accomplished without the downsides of the current design, e.g. an offshore breakwater parallel to the beachfront.

4. The proposed design with two semi-enclosed ponds with expected depths of only 4 to 5 feet and minimal circulation would be an outdoor Petri dish for bacterial growth creating a potential health hazard.

I strongly urge you to withhold approval of the project as it is currently designed.

Sincerely,
Robin Oldfield

From:	Christina Wild
To:	Casey, James; croot@winpark.org; Woblo, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania; soren.g.hall@usace.army.mil
Subject:	[External] Centennial/Elder Lane Beaches Winnetka, IL
Date:	Sunday, May 22, 2022 9:28:02 PM

Good Afternoon,

I am writing to you today regarding the Centennial and Elder Lane Beach restoration project. As a resident of Winnetka, I cannot express enough how integral Centennial Park and Elder Lane beach are to my life and this community. My family loves experiencing both of these spaces all year round. My children visit the beach in the summer, we take nightly walks in the fall evenings, sledding in the winter, and love watching the blooms in the spring. These beautiful public spaces are not only a valuable asset to Winnetka residents but are destination for visitors from all over Chicagoland. I was so excited when I saw the plans for the new beach front, and welcome the changes as I feel it will enhance the natural beauty of the shore and the parks.

However, I am extremely disappointed to see the addition of a 13ft steel wall proposed on the sides of the beach. I implore you to reconsider the construction of this wall for the reason listed below:

1. The current design blocks pedestrian access to the beach north and south of Park District property in violation of the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine. (At Lloyd Beach, there is a passage between the public and private beaches). 2. The louvered steel fence / wall on top of the breakwater is an unproven design that walls in the beach and obliterates the current panoramic view both north and south. The top of the steel wall is over 13 feet higher than sand elevation near the water which obstructs the view of the shoreline and impedes the ability to freely walk the beach. The tree plantings will be even taller, as high as 20 feet. 3. This design feature, if approved, would set a precedent that could be replicated at other properties along the shore creating a series of walled off private beaches on public land. If this wall was constructed, what's to stop every private owner up and down Lake Michigan's shores from putting up their own 13' walls?
4. Shoreline erosion protection and bluff preservation can be accomplished without the downsides of the current design. Please consider revising the plan, removing the steel wall that was not approved by taxpaying residents and allowing for passage between the beach similar to what the village provided at newly completed Lloyd beach.

Please choose to preserve the beauty of the shoreline for the public for many generations to come!

Christina Wild

[redacted]

From: Jamie Thomas
To: Casey, James; Snow, Renee; Wobig, Loren; Bayers, Ania; croot@winpark.org
Subject: [External] Centennial/Elder Lane Beaches Winnetka, Il
Date: Thursday, May 19, 2022 2:17:16 PM

Good Afternoon,

I am writing to you today regarding the Centennial and Elder Lane Beach restoration project. As a resident of Winnetka, I cannot express enough how integral Centennial Park and Elder Lane beach are to my life and this community. My family loves experiencing both of these spaces all year round. My children visit the beach in the summer, we take nightly walks in the fall evenings, sledding in the winter, and love watching the blooms in the spring. These beautiful public spaces are not only a valuable asset to Winnetka residents but are a destination for visitors from all over Chicagoland.

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Please choose to preserve the beauty of the shoreline for the public for many generations to come!

Jamie Robles
[redacted]

From: Stephanie Heraty
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] Centennial/Elder Lane Beaches, Winnetka, IL
Date: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 6:13:49 PM

To whom it may concern,

My family and I have lived in Winnetka across from Centennial Beach for about 8 years. We were drawn to the area because of the park and shoreline of Lake Michigan. My daughter was 3 when we moved. It was our understanding that you could walk the beach as long as your toes were in the water. We have many afternoons walking the beach across the street gathering sea glass. The views are unobstructed and breathtaking. I always thought how lucky we were to have such a natural beauty in a big city setting.

I am for the park and beach front improvement. The proposed 13 ft wall was not in the original 2030 plan. I am deeply concerned that a 13ft combined wall on each end of the property sets a precedent along the lake front for other wealthy owners to build walls. It adds no value in helping with erosion. It seems as if the wall that will only benefit the adjacent landowners at the expense of tax paying village residents who just moved to Winnetka to enjoy the lake front.

Please consider blocking a wall. The lake front is for all to enjoy.

Dr. Stephanie Heraty and Family

From: Merril Prager
To: Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania; croot@winpark.org
Subject: [External] Centennial/Elder Lane Beaches, Winnetka, IL
Date: Sunday, May 22, 2022 11:51:42 AM

Hello,

I am not in favor of the revised plan with a 13' steel wall at the beach.

1. This design blocks pedestrian access to the beach north and south of Park District property in violation of the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine. 2. The louvered steel fence / wall on top of the breakwater is an unproven design that walls in the beach and obliterates the current panoramic view both north and south. The top of the steel wall is over 13 feet higher than sand elevation near the water which obstructs the view of the shoreline and impedes the ability to freely walk the beach. The tree plantings will be even taller, as high as 20 feet. 3. This design feature, if approved, would set a precedent that could be replicated at other properties along the shore creating a series of walled off private beaches on public land. 4. Shoreline erosion protection and bluff preservation can be accomplished without the downsides of the current design 5. Please consider revising the plan, removing the steel wall that was not approved by taxpaying residents and allowing for passage between the beach similar to what the village provided at newly completed Lloyd beach.

Thank you.

Merril Prager

From:	James M Rauh
To:	Casey, James
Cc:	Judy Rauh
Subject:	[External] Centennial/Elder Lane Beaches, Winnetka, IL (Co-Applicants: Winnetka Park District & Orchard 2020 Trust)
Date:	Sunday, May 15, 2022 10:19:47 AM

My wife and I are [redacted] residents who live across the street from [redacted] park. While we acknowledge that the proposed combination of the Elder park and Centennial park beachfronts could offer considerable benefits to the community, we have significant concerns about the Park District's and Orchard 2020 Trust's proposed design.

We note that the current design blocks pedestrian access to the beach both north and south of the Park District's property, which we believe violates the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine.

The proposed design with two semi-enclosed, relatively shallow ponds could result in minimal water circulation, potentially creating its own health hazard.

The louvered fence on top of the breakwater is an unproven design that walls-in the beach and obliterates the current panoramic view of the shoreline, both north and south. In addition to destroying the Elder and Centennial beach views and access, if this design feature were approved, we fear it could set a precedent that may be replicated at other properties along the shore, thereby creating a series of walled-off private beaches on public land.

We believe shoreline erosion protection and bluff preservation can be accomplished without the significant downsides of the current design, such as an offshore breakwater parallel to the beachfront.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

James M. Rauh

[redacted]

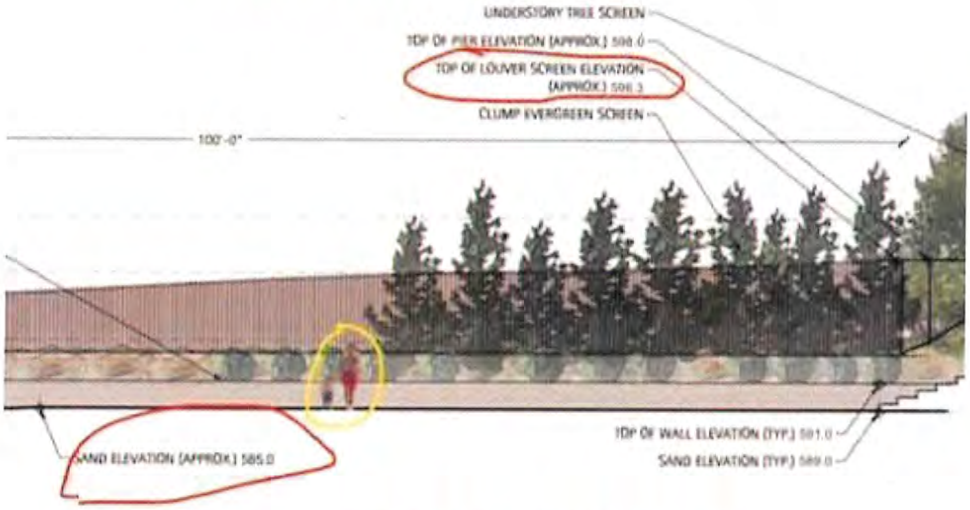
From:	James M Rauh
To:	Casey, James
Subject:	[External] Centennial/Elder Lane Beaches, Winnetka, IL (Co-Applicants: Winnetka Park District & Orchard 2020 Trust)
Date:	Thursday, May 19, 2022 4:11:50 PM

Mr. James Casey
Project Manager

Dear Mr. Casey,

I am writing to augment my email of May 15th. It appears that, subsequent to receiving letters of support from various elected officials, the Winnetka Park District and Orchard 2020 Trust significantly modified the original 2030 plan for the combined Elder + Centennial Beach. The approved 2030 plan has been changed by adding significant permanent planting on the beach and a "steel louvered air screen" that would rise 13 feet above the elevation of the beach, would block beach access, and would block all views north and south of the combined public beach:

Top of wall is 13 feet
above sand level



View facing south

To my knowledge the proposed "Steel louvered air screen", which would extend from the base of the bluff to the shoreline, was not part of the original 2030 plan for the combined Elder + Centennial Beach, nor has it ever been used on any other beaches on the North Shore. It is unproven, and if this element of the plan is approved, could set a dangerous precedent for other Public Beaches to become walled in. I believe such a move is in violation of the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine. Frankly, the walled in aspect of the design appears to benefit the adjacent private land owners, at the expense of the tax paying village residents who want to enjoy a Public Park, and its prime location on a beautiful Public Beach.

I sincerely hope you and your IDNR colleagues will veto this obstructive plan.

Thank you,

James M Rauh

From: Judy Rauh
To: Casey, James
Cc: James M Rauh
Subject: [External] Centennial/Elder Lane Beaches, Winnetka, IL
Date: Sunday, May 15, 2022 4:41:08 PM

My husband and I are [redacted] residents who live across the street from [redacted]

I am writing you today to express my concern about the Winnetka Park District & Orchard 2020's proposed design. I agree that the combined beachfront will be a great asset for village residents. The North Shore is very fortunate to have many pocket parks along the lake shore which provide great public access and breathtaking long views of the shoreline. I am deeply concerned that the addition of a louver fence on top of a wall at each end of the new beach obstructs the long view of the shoreline for all who are at the beach, and further impedes the ability to freely walk the beach as well. This design is unproven, and if it is approved, could set a dangerous precedent for other Public Beaches to become walled in. Such a move is in violation of the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine. Frankly, the walled in aspect of the design appears to benefit the adjacent private land owners, at the expense of the tax paying village residents who want to enjoy a Public Park, and its prime location on a beautiful Public Beach.

Respectfully,
Judy Rauh

From: Thomas Hargis
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] Centennial/Elder Lane Beaches, Winnetka, IL
Date: Thursday, May 19, 2022 11:20:43 AM

Dear Mr. Casey,

I was recently made aware that the design plans for the Elder/Centennial beachfront project in [redacted] IL includes a 13 foot tall steel wall over sand elevation that will enclose the beach.

Although I am generally supportive of this beach renovation project, I am strongly opposed to this wall as it will obliterate unobstructed views of the shoreline, essentially making this beach a giant sandbox. Beach erosion mitigation can be accomplished without the construction of a tall barrier that obstructs views. Furthermore, I believe walling off this beach will set a precedent allowing private property owners to wall off their beaches up and down the shoreline.

Surely there must be better ways of mitigating beach erosion and establishing property lines than installing a 13 foot high wall. Other beaches have signs marking the border between public and private property. That should be sufficient for the Centennial/Elder beach project.

It is my strong opinion, as well as others in the Winnetka community, that the final design of this project does include any wall that obstructs our beautiful beach views.

Thank you,

Thomas Hargis
[redacted]

From: michele grygotis
To: Soren.G.Hall@usace.army.mil
Cc: Casey, James
Subject: [External] Centennial/Elder Lane Beaches, Winnetka, IL
Date: Monday, May 9, 2022 12:29:24 PM

Dear Mr. Hall:

We are writing to object to the proposed design of the above-described beaches, which we have used and enjoyed since 1998. Specifically,

- The center pier and breakwaters extend too far into the lake. This will disturb the littoral drift carrying sand down the shore, raising questions about sand replenishment within the breakwater.
- The design creates a walled-in beach that destroys the north and south lakefront vistas. The breakwater will be topped by a louvered fence up to 6.5 feet high and planter pockets containing trees up to 20 feet high at maturity. If approved, the design sets a precedent that could be replicated along the North Shore lakefront, resulting in a series of fenced in public beaches.
- The design disregards public safety. The breakwater will be composed of large boulders that not only are a boating hazard but are dangerous for children, who will inevitably climb up on them.

Because of these significant design flaws, we ask that the Army Corps of Engineers require the Winnetka Park District to modify and resubmit its proposal for reconfiguring the Centennial/Elder Lane Beaches.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michele and Garry Grygotis
[redacted]

From: C H
To: Casey, James
Cc: Connie Henry; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania
Subject: [External] Centennial/Elder Lane Beaches, Winnetka, IL
Date: Sunday, May 22, 2022 2:29:27 PM

I know the application for beach construction has been filed. The application includes metal fencing along the northern and southern boundaries of the proposed, combined beach park. While I'm not opposed to the fence design, I am concerned that the placement blocks access to the beach areas to the north and south. Do Illinois citizens have a right to public access to the shoreline? If so, please require that any fencing used not impair this access.

Regards,
Connie Henry

From: Mona Golub
To: Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Anja; croot@winpark.org
Subject: [External] Centennial/Elder Lane Beaches
Date: Thursday, May 19, 2022 8:50:00 PM

Please, please reconsider the proposed plan to construct the fence/wall which would obliterate shoreline views. I walk the park twice daily and live for those views!
Thank you,
Mona Golub

Sent from my iPhone

From:	Beth Mulhern
To:	Soren.G.Hall@usace.army.mil; Casey, James; loren.Wobig@illinois.gov; Snow, Renee; ania.bayers@illinois.gov; croot@winpark.org
Cc:	Winnetka Park District
Subject:	[External] Centennial-Elder beaches, Winnetka IL (Waterfront 2030
Date:	Wednesday, June 1, 2022 11:08:23 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing regarding the Centennial-Elder beach redevelopment and the proposed fencing included in the recent revisions.

As a Village resident of more than 20 years, our family of five has enjoyed all that the beaches have to offer from swimming, paddleboarding, boating, and outings with our dogs. Additionally, our family has actively participated in many Winnetka Park District programs and uses the various district facilities frequently.

The concept of a single Centennial-Elder Beach has been a goal of the Winnetka Park District for some time. I remember when the concept of buying the property at 261 Sheridan Road was included in the Winnetka Caucus survey and then deemed too expensive for the Village to pursue. I have since followed the potential joining of Centennial-Elder beaches as it would impact our beloved dog beach. Now with the help of a private buyer and a mutually-beneficial landswap, the Park District Board is on a mission to see Centennial and Elder beaches finally joined and redeveloped.

Winnetka Park District literature has promoted the Winnetka Waterfront 2030 plans with beautiful watercolor renditions of the various lakefront beaches. Thus far, the final works have turned out as portrayed. The Village's extensive restoration efforts and renovation projects, as demonstrated by Lloyd Beach's breakwaters and boating facilities as well as Tower Road Beach's new walkways/paths, have preserved the natural beauty and enhanced the accessibility and enjoyment of the lakefront. In all cases, the expansive natural views have been maintained or enhanced.

I assumed the same would hold for Centennial-Elder. However, recent drawings show a very different and disturbing design that's intrusive and inconsistent with the current natural lakefront beauty of Winnetka.

- The multiple proposed types of fencing interrupt the shoreline vista. While there's a debate about the definition of public access vs private property rights, the view shouldn't be blocked.
- A louvred metal screen isn't natural; it's inconsistent with anything in Winnetka and its beach areas, and is undesirable even if described as artful (by who's definition?)
- Fences extend out onto the breakwaters. This is well beyond the proposed pocket plantings and seems to offer no additional stabilization

for beaches.

- A guardrail/steel screen mounted to varying heights, up to 13 feet above the beach, seems excessive and to exceed Village ordinances.
    - The Winnetka Park District or any neighbors (north or south) should be subject to the same ordinances as the rest of the Village and not receive any special treatment.

Additionally, I find myself asking why Centennial-Elder beach design has been dramatically altered from the original? These changes seem unrelated to the original stated goals of stabilizing and enlarging beach sand areas and creating a clear separation of beach front zones (swim vs non-motorized boats.) Why the emphasis on walling in the beachfront? What necessitates all the fencing? Has the private buyer/landswap partner, Orchard 2020 Revocable Trust, asked for special considerations?

Winnetka translates to Beautiful Land according to the Winnetka Historical Society. This should include our lakefront! Please eliminate all or severely restrict any type of fencing. Follow the Lloyd beach model and keep our beaches open with a clear 180 degree view!!

Sincerely,

Beth Mulhern
[redacted]

From: Kim Mancini
To: Soren.G.Hall@usace.army.mil; Casey, James; Woblg, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania
Cc: info@wpd.org; contactus@winnetka.org; contact@robyngabel.com
Subject: [External] Clarification to Village of Winnetka Trustee Support letter. CORP PROJECT #. LRC-2021-000454
Date: Friday, June 3, 2022 8:24:53 AM

RE:CORP PROJECT #. LRC-2021-000454
CLARIFICATION OF THE VILLAGE OF WINNETKA LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE ELDER AND CENTENNIAL PARK AND BEACH PROJECT

Dear USACE and IDNR Representatives-

I am a resident of the Village of Winnetka and a current Village of Winnetka Trustee-

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While the Village still fully supports the Park District's original plan to combine the Elder and Centennial parks and beaches, a recent late addition to the plan, the addition of two large steel walls (labeled as a Louver Screen) has neither been reviewed nor has the support/approval of the Village of Winnetka Board of Trustees.

You have received communications from the Winnetka Park District stating otherwise. The Village of Winnetka letter of support does in no way extend to the wall structure that the Village believes would set a very negative precedent on our beaches and lakefront.

Happy to discuss at any time.

Kim Mancini
Village of Winnetka Trustee

From: Robert Apatoff
To: Soren.G.Hall@usace.army.mil; Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania
Cc: info@wpd.org; contactus@winnetka.org; contact@robyngabel.com
Subject: [External] Clarification to Village of Winnetka Trustee Support letter. CORP PROJECT #. LRC-2021-000454
Date: Thursday, June 2, 2022 5:00:24 PM
Importance: High

RE:CORP PROJECT #. LRC-2021-000454
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Robert Apatoff
Village of Winnetka Trustee
[redacted]

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Robert Apatoff
Village of Winnetka Trustee
[redacted]
[redacted]

From:	Steve Huels
To:	Casey, James
Subject:	[External] Comment: Shore Protection/Public Beach Project, in Lake Michigan, at Elder and Centennial Parks, in Winnetka IL
Date:	Wednesday, June 1, 2022 5:07:54 PM
Attachments:	IDNR Letter Orchard 2020.docx

I request that this permit be denied because the plan violates the Public Trust Doctrine.

The Public Trust Doctrine, first applied to Lake Michigan by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Illinois Central Railroad Company v. Illinois*. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) in its white paper *State of Illinois Coastal Management Program*, gives its interpretation of case law from the public trust doctrine as applied to ownership of the beach:

> Beach accretion of sand or gravel by natural or artificial means for which the riparian owner is not responsible, that accreted above-water beach area belongs to the riparian owner. Case law does not grant private ownership of any beach area resulting from the entrapment or retention of sand caused by construction of any type of shore structure. Because of a long history of constructing numerous private groins along the North Shore (Keef 2002; and Shabica et. al. 2004), there are many such areas of accreted beach. However, any beach area that is artificially accreted beach is legally public.

According to IDNR's statement above, all sand entrapped by these artificial structures are public beaches. The Winnetka Park District and Orchard 2020 are obstructing and in some cases denying the public access to these public beaches with their planned planter pockets-rock wall with louvers from the ordinary high-water mark (OHWM) stretching some 160 feet into Lake Michigan. Even more harm to the Public Trust is the provision of a similar rock wall – fence on the north side of the park, which prevents access to yet more State-owned land.

Mitigation of bluff erosion can and should be designed and constructed to facilitate along-shore walking beach access to preserve access to State owned land, while respecting an owner's riparian rights. There is no public need to have the fence to the north to protect Orchard 2020's privacy.

Acceptance of this plan will allow other property owners to build the same so called shore protection to deny access to yet more state-owned land from other locations of public access.

Orchard 2020 and the Winnetka Park District must be required to present a plan which provides public access to State owned lands through Orchard 2020.

Stephen Huels

[redacted]

From: John Swierk
To: Soren.G.Hall@usace.army.mil; Wobig, Loren; Casey, James; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania
Cc: info@wpd.org; contactus@winnetka.org; contact@robyngabel.com
Subject: [External] CORP PROJECT #. LRC-2021-000454
Date: Thursday, June 2, 2022 8:11:40 PM

CLARIFICATION OF THE VILLAGE OF WINNETKA LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE ELDER AND CENTENNIAL PARK AND BEACH PROJECT

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Happy to discuss at any time.

Thank You.

John Swierk
Village Resident and

Village of Winnetka Trustee
Winnetka, IL

From:	rhdearborn@gmail.com
To:	soren.g.hall@usace.army.mil; Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Anja
Cc:	info@wpd.org; contactus@winnetka.org; contact@robyngabel.com
Subject:	[External] CORP PROJECT #. LRC-2021-000454: CLARIFICATION OF THE VILLAGE OF WINNETKA LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE ELDER AND CENTENNIAL PARK AND BEACH PROJECT
Date:	Thursday, June 2, 2022 6:19:24 PM

RE: CORP PROJECT #. LRC-2021-000454
CLARIFICATION OF THE VILLAGE OF WINNETKA LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE ELDER AND CENTENNIAL PARK AND BEACH PROJECT

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I am writing as a resident of the Village of Winnetka, as well as a current trustee of the Winnetka Village Council.

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You have received communications from the Winnetka Park District stating otherwise. The Village of Winnetka letter of support, dated October 8, 2021, does in no way extend to the wall structure that I believe would set a very negative precedent on our beaches and lakefront.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue. Please contact me if any additional information would be helpful.

Robert H. Dearborn

From: Gary Weiss
To: reneesnow@illinois.gov; Wobig, Loren; Casey, James
Subject: [External] Deny Request for Winnetka Fence
Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:32:29 PM

This message is to request that you deny the request to construct a 13-foot steel fence around Centennial and Elder Lane Park in Winnetka. If constructed this would be an eyesore along the lakefront; is not in compliance with Village guidelines; and would lead to division within the local community. All for what purpose?

Please enforce existing guidelines that all residents abide by and deny this request.

Respectfully,
Gary Weiss

From: Maryfaith Weiss
To: Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; reneesnow@illinois.gov
Subject: [External] Deny Request for Winnetka Fence
Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:49:09 PM

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Respectfully,
Maryfaith Weiss

From: Stephanie Heraty
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] Elder Centennial
Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 5:57:35 PM

Dear Mr. Casey,

Please accept this letter as my opposition to the Winnetka Park District's Elder/Centennial 2020 Beachfront Plan.

The original plan was significantly altered after its approval by the residents. The alteration includes the addition of a metal louvered fence attached to rocks towering over beach goers, making both views over and access through the barricade impossible.

We believe this has been done to benefit the adjacent private landowner giving priority to privacy concerns. At a May 26, 2022 Board meeting, the Winnetka Park District admitted the design changes were borne from the landowners request.

This land owner is also involved in a land swap, which gives them leverage over the Park District.

It is in the best interest of the public to have continued access to beaches with unobstructed views.

We believe this plan could set dangerous precedent along the lakefront in Illinois.

As it stands, it appears to be a violation of the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine.

A handful of politicians approved this plan without seeing the current modifications.

As of today, 900+ people have signed a petition to ask the Winnetka Park district to take a collective pause to come up with a better solution for the Community.

Please decline the current proposal as is. We need to protect Lake Michigan's Shoreline for all to enjoy.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Heraty
[redacted]

From: Susan Curry
To: Casey, James; Kessen, James; sorent.g.hall@usace.army.mil
Subject: [External] Elder/Centennial Beach - Winnetka, IL
Date: Thursday, June 2, 2022 12:12:31 AM

I am writing to request that in reviewing this project you seek to approve only the minimal footprint required to accomplished the goals of the community — including restoration of the bluffs, safe public access and use of the beaches/shoreline, and enjoyment of the incredible natural landscape and uninterrupted views Lake Michigan has to offer.

Sincerely,
Susan Curry
[redacted]

From: Richard Franklin
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] Elder/Centennial Beach in Winnetka
Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 7:54:47 PM

Dear Mr. Casey,

As long-time Winnetka residents who have enjoyed our village's beaches for decades, we strongly object to the construction of a steel wall at the southern boundary of the proposed Elder/Centennial Beach.

All Winnetka residents are entitled to the shoreline views and access that the wall would block. We expect this public trust to be protected and not compromised to benefit the interests of a single property owner.

Sincerely,

Richard & Marguerite Franklin
[redacted]

From: Judy Kehoe
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] Elder/Centennial Beaches Winnetka
Date: Saturday, May 21, 2022 11:09:10 AM

Good day,

As 40 year Winnetka taxpayer and beach lovers, we strongly object to the 11 'plus steel wall design. It has not been approved by Winnetka taxpayers.
It is not a proven design.
It blocks beach access which is prohibited under the Illinois Public Trust .
It does not help erosion.
It is an eyesore.

Beaches should have good sand, easy access to swimming and walking the shoreline without structures and coves.

Judy and Tom Kehoe

Sent from my iPhone

From: Rebecca Ferguson
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] Elder-Centennial Beaches, submission of petition re: approval for Winnetka, IL plans
Date: Thursday, June 2, 2022 3:12:32 PM
Attachments: 1petition_signatures_jobs_33451657_20220602200620.csv
petition_comments_jobs_33451657_20220602144025.csv

Hello Jim,

I'm writing to you to submit a petition that my neighbors and I collected to show the enormous opposition to the plans for the Elder-Centennial beaches in Winnetka, IL that are currently pending your review.

At the time I'm writing this, the petition has 1,132 signatures. You can read it at this link and I will attach the signature and comment pdf's to this email.

https://www.change.org/p/stop-the-huge-proposed-metal-borders-blocking-access-views-at-this-winnetka-il-beach

We were told we have until today, June 2, 2022 to submit comments, so we are doing so, although the signatures are still growing.

Please know that in order to submit a signature on change .org, an individual needs to provide a unique email that is verified. Not everyone wants to do this, so the signature count is never as substantial as it could be.

Also, we only started collecting signatures one week ago and we received over 600 within just one day.

We believe this type of community involvement, especially when so few are even aware of the issue (because of the clandestine nature of the changes to the formerly approved plans) is something of which to take note.

I would also like to ask that, regardless of whether people use the exact right verbiage (for example quoting the height of the "wall" as the actual height of the entire rock structure plus fence) you recognize that the message is consistent.

Residents do not want a walled off beach. It is against the spirit of the public trust doctrine, and clearly appears to benefit one landowner at taxpayer expense - both financially and in giving up precious shoreline views and access.

Long shoreline views and walks are for many, restorative, life giving, and should not be limited, especially when other options would limit erosion equally as well.

My daughte [redacted] is one of the many who depend on these long walks for her well being. She just turned [redacted] today and has [redacted].

We live less than a half block from this beach and she can currently see the lake from her bedroom window.

The same landowner (Orchard 2020 trust) proposing this fence / wall is involved in swapping land with the park district. That land is directly in front of our single slice of a view through the park to the lake.

The land swap will likely eliminate the only view she has out of her bedroom window and our kitchen, depending on their development plans. In 2021, we asked them to consider this, but haven't heard back.

To us, that issue alone was devastating. Now, if the pending plans are approved, we won't be able to see the beach from our home or from the beach itself!

I'm sure you can understand my disappointment, frustration and overall disbelief.

Today is her birthday.

Please, not just for her, but all of us who enjoy this beach, let the applicants know they cannot privatize and wall off the beach.

Please also contact me if you have any questions about the petition.

Thank you very much for your attention to this important matter, we are grateful.

Rebecca Ferguson
[redacted]

If you're interested and can view next door, there have also been several posts on about the plans, here is one I posted that has photos and 88 comments: https://nextdoor.com/p/R9SDmwPwgMg_?utm_source=share&extras=NDg3MDkyNTc%3D

Here are the signatures and comments on the petition:

From: Laurie Petersen
To: Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania
Subject: [External] Elder-Centennial Beaches, Winnetka, IL
Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 11:48:45 AM

To: The Illinois Department of Natural Resources
From: Laurie Petersen, [redacted]

I am writing to express my intense opposition to the plan under your consideration for Elder/Centennial Park in Winnetka--specifically to the physical and visual obstructions created by the walls at either end of the beach.

This is so much bigger than one little North Shore beach. It is about sacrificing the public good to the demands of a private landowner. It is about the stewardship of our greatest natural resource, our precious lakefront.

In their eagerness to assemble land for a large park, the Winnetka Park District seems to be placating a homeowner who demands a privacy fence--a fence that is taller and denser than any homeowner in the Village would be allowed to construct. By doing so, they are giving away our public shoreline vista, and setting a horrific precedent for future development on Lake Michigan.

The Winnetka Park commissioners are deaf to the pleas of local citizens, over 1,000 of whom have signed a petition in protest. (This is an incredible number in a town of 12,000 people, around the time of a holiday weekend.)

We are now relying on you, the larger governmental authority, to take the long and broad view of this plan, and reject this attempt to erect barriers on our common lakefront. We do not want our small town to become a national example of how NOT to treat a public shoreline.

Respectfully,
Laurie Petersen
[redacted]

From: Maggie Meiners Art
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] Elder-Centennial beachfront Winnetka,IL
Date: Thursday, May 12, 2022 11:48:43 AM

Dear Mr. Casey,

When considering the design of the Elder-Centennial beachfront property in Winnetka, IL, please consider the following:

1. The current design blocks pedestrian access to the beach north and south of Park District property in violation of the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine.

2. The louvered fence on top of the breakwater is an unproven design that walls in the beach and obliterates the current panoramic view both north and south. This design feature, if approved, would set a precedent that would soon be replicated at other properties along the shore creating a series of walled off private beaches on public land.

3. Shoreline erosion protection and bluff preservation can be accomplished without the downsides of the current design, e.g. an offshore breakwater parallel to the beachfront.

4. The proposed design with two semi-enclosed ponds with expected depths of only 4 to 5 feet and minimal circulation would be an outdoor Petri dish for bacterial growth creating a potential health hazard.

Thank you,
Maggie Meiners

From: lisa m fogt
To: Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania; croot@winpark.org
Subject: [External] feedback RE: Centennial/ Elder Lane Beaches, Winnetka, IL
Date: Friday, May 20, 2022 11:55:33 AM

To: james.casey@illinois.gov Jim Casey - Project Manager

Loren.Wobig@Illinois.gov IDNR Director of water resources

Renee.snow@illinois.gov IDNR General Counsel

Ania.Bayers@illinois.gov Director of Water Resources IDNR IL Coastal Management Plan

croot@winpark.org Colleen Root, Park District Commissioner

From: Lisa Fogt - [redacted]

RE: Centennial/ Elder Lane Beaches, Winnetka, IL (Co-Applicants: Winnetka Park District & Orchard 2020 Trust)

Hello,

I am writing to voice my concern over the project on the Winnetka Lakefront. I am particularly concerned about the proposed louvered walls. These appear to block the north and south aspects of the Park District property which blocks pedestrian access and obstructs views. This violates Illinois Public Trust Doctrine, illegally blocks public access, and would set a precedent that could be replicated at other properties along the shore creating a series of walled off private beaches on public land. The goal of these walls seem to be to satisfy the neighbors – as noted by the intent in the Army Corp of Engineers documents to "***keep off-leash dogs on the public beach and off the adjacent private properties***" and "***prohibit pedestrian movement along the shoreline at the north and south ends of the project***".

This current proposal is a revision to the original plan and the revision was not adequately presented to the community, with minimal presentation and opportunity for feedback. This revised plan should not be approved. This revised proposal should have a comprehensive review with public meetings, discussion with taxpayers, forums, and opportunities for feedback. Any subsequent plans should remove the steel wall that was not approved by taxpaying residents and allowing for passage between the beach similar to what the village provided at newly completed Lloyd beach. Please make any revision subject to a comprehensive review by the public.

Thank you,

Lisa Fogt

From Army Corp of Engineers paperwork

https://www.lrc.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Public-Notices/Article/3006994/lrc-2021-454/

The proposed louvered walls would be constructed on top of the existing breakwaters and would gradually lower in height as they extend lakeward. The intent of the walls include:

- ***Keep off-leash dogs on the public beach and off the adjacent private properties;***
- Reduce wave over-topping and dissipate wave energy;
- Improve sand retention and reduce erosion, including wind driven sand;
- Reduce stress on plants in the planter pockets, serving in part as a water and wind break;
- Reduce crest elevation of stone breakwater.

The louvered wall would prohibit pedestrian movement along the shoreline at the north and south ends of the project. A rendering of the proposed wall is shown in Exhibit 8.

From: Patrick Heraty
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] Fw: Elder Lane Beach Project Winnetka IL
Date: Friday, May 20, 2022 1:13:35 PM

Hi James,

I hope my message finds you well. I live in Winnetka. I love this beach project and want it to happen badly. It will benefit residences of Winnetka and beyond for decades to come! However, the 13Ft. wall being proposed on the South end of Centennial Beach in Winnetka is EXCESSIVE! I believe it is in violation of the Public Land Trust Doctrine. You may be a better judge of this than me. This is why I am writing you.

The large Border Wall blocks views and access to the south shoreline of Winnetka's prized beach. No private landowner would ever be allowed to build a structure such as this on their own property. Thus our Park District should not be allowed to build a barrier like it to benefit just one private land owner either.

I believe a rock barrier wall with public passage along with Clear Private Property Signage like Lloyd Beach should be the standard.

The Lakefront is for all to enjoy not just a few.

Thank you for your consideration.

best,

Patrick

Patrick Heraty

From: Mary Trieschmann
To: Wobig, Loren; Casey, James; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania
Subject: [External] Fwd: Beach Wall in Winnetka alternative suggestions
Date: Monday, June 6, 2022 9:13:47 AM
Attachments: image.png
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Hello - Wondering if you'd consider a fence that can be seen through instead of the louvered walls. Examples below. This would achieve the safety goal and address the concerns of the residents regarding the view. I live in Evanston and this type of fence is used as a barrier between public beach (Lee Street) and private beach.
Thank you for your consideration.

Mary Trieschmann
[redacted]

From:	Chris Ball
To:	Casey, James; Kessen, James; Chris Ball
Subject:	[External] Fwd: Scanned document from HP ePrint user
Date:	Wednesday, June 1, 2022 6:39:09 PM
Attachments:	HPSCAN_20220601232842465_2022-06-01_232945294.pdf

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Sent from my iPhone

From: Chris Ball [redacted]
Date: June 1, 2022 at 6:33:43 PM CDT

From: Kris Schriesheim
To: Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania; Kessen, James
Subject: [External] Fwd: Winnetka IDNR permit request for the property on the North and South End of Centennial and Elder Lane Beach
Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 9:55:07 PM

Dear Illinois DNR and Army Corps of Engineers:
I write in shock and disbelief at the Winnetka Park District's permit request to wall off and barricade Illinois's beautiful Lake Michigan lakefront to accommodate a billionaire village resident, Mr. Ishbia. Please do not issue this permit. It will ruin the beach and set an awful precedent going forward for all similarly situated communities . . . that happen to have residents unafraid to use money to buy influence and lock the public out of public spaces.
I share my neighbor Nan Greenough's sentiments, below.
Given your expertise in water management, I am sure you've followed the disastrous consequences of erecting foreboding metal walls at the southern border. They fall down in storms, trap debris, hurt wildlife, and damage the environment. Please don't accommodate the Winnetka Park District's capture by the influence of big dollars.
Thank you for your time.
Kristine Schriesheim

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

Subject: Fw: Re[2]: Winnetka IDNR permit request for the property on the North and South End of Centennial and Elder Lane Beach

------ Original Message ------
From "Nan Greenough" <r
To james.casey@illinois.gov; Renee.snow@illinois.gov; Ania.Bayers@illinois.gov; Loren.Wobig@illinois.gov; wpdinfo@winpark.org
Date 5/30/2022 2:31:27 PM
Subject Re: Winnetka IDNR permit request for the property on the North and South End of Centennial and Elder Lane Beach

From: Nan Greenough, [redacted]
Winnetka, former Village Trustee and Plan Commission member

DEAR IDNR AND ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS:

The proposed metal louvered fence on this Winnetka Park District property troubles me – it's enormous. It seems to be a new element introduced to the formerly approved lake front design without sufficient notice or publicity by the Park District to the residents of Winnetka. Despite Park Board explanations for this fence at its May 26 meeting, there appear to be no compelling reasons to justify its design.

The fence is as intrusive as anything I remember – particularly for blocking the view of the shore line – north and south – from the beach. At the March 24 Park District meeting, a consultant answered that the design is unique and has not been constructed anywhere else on Lake Michigan. This worries me deeply. There is no way to fix this except to not build it -- or to lower the height substantially and substitute a transparent wrought-iron style fence for the virtually solid-looking louvers.

The proposed blocking of people's ability to walk the shore at the water line (public trust doctrine) takes away people's rights. That's very distressing.

Not only are both of these elements harmful to residents' ability to enjoy the shoreline – for which we pay dearly through our property taxes -- both elements appear to set up negative precedents, not only here in Winnetka but, all over Lake Michigan. Once you say "yes" to one of these projects, many more applications will follow.

A large part of government's job is to balance

private rights with public rights. You are changing the balance substantially here and I deeply hope you will decide not to do it. It's not about one project and one property owner. It's also about a precedent that affects the lake shore everywhere.

Based on public reaction (including a 600+-person petition) once this project got publicized, there is no public support for the metal louvers nor the loss of the right to walk the lake shore at the water line. This conversation is about all of us and our collective rights as tax-paying citizens. Please don't approve these elements of this project.

Thank you, Nan Greenough

From: Mary Hickey
To: Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania; Soren.G.Hall@usace.army.mil; contact@robyngabel.com
Subject: [External] Fwd: Winnetka Park District Steel Wall Application to the IDNR - Centennial and Elder Beachfront
Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 7:06:18 PM
Attachments: Louvered Wall NE view Centennial elder.png
Louvered wall NW view Centennial Elder.png

Dear IDNR reps-
Please deny the application for the addition of a steel wall from the Winnetka Park District. This will not affect just Winnetka, but all of the communities that reside on Lake Michigan and all Illinois residents who enjoy the beauty and recreation at the beachfront.

The louvered steel fence / wall from the toe of the bluff traveling on the border boundaries of the parks and then on top of the stone breakwater was not part of the 2030 Waterfront Plan, was not communicated to the public until recently, and is an unproven design that will wall in the beach and obliterate the current panoramic view both north and south of the Lake front.

1. The top of the steel wall is over 9.5 feet higher than sand elevation near the water which obstructs the view of the shoreline and impedes the ability to freely walk the beach. The tree plantings will be even taller, as high as 20 feet.
2. This unique and unproven design provides one resident/a special interest with a privacy screen but serves very little, if any, bluff/beach restoration purpose.
3. This beach, in a cage design, if approved, would set a precedent that could be replicated at other properties along the shore creating a series of walled off fortresses extending onto and blocking access to public land. The effort by private riparian owners to attempt to privatize public beach land is wrong and should not be permitted by the agency.
4. Shoreline erosion protection and bluff preservation can be accomplished without the downsides of the current design. Also, the applicants did not offer less restrictive alternatives to this beach in a cage concept.

In case you have not seen the design, here are two renderings from the consultant working on the project. I hope you will agree that this project has no place on our public beaches.

Thank you, Mary Brower Hickey

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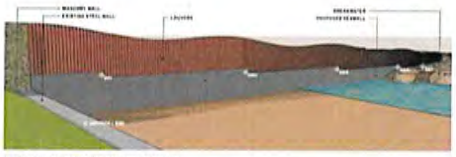

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Mary Brower Hickey

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From: Lara Scarborough
To: Bayers, Ania; Snow, Renee; Wobig, Loren; Casey, James
Subject: [External] Issues with centennial/Elder Beach Project - Winnetka
Date: Thursday, May 19, 2022 11:19:33 AM

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1. The current design blocks pedestrian access to the beach north and south of Park District property in violation of the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine.

2. The louvered fence on top of the breakwater is an unproven design that walls in the beach and obliterates the current panoramic view both north and south. This design feature, if approved, would set a precedent that would soon be replicated at other properties along the shore creating a series of walled off private beaches on public land.

3. Shoreline erosion protection and bluff preservation can be accomplished without the downsides of the current design, e.g. an offshore breakwater parallel to the beachfront.

4. The proposed design with two semi-enclosed ponds with expected depths of only 4 to 5 feet and minimal circulation would be an outdoor Petri dish for bacterial growth creating a potential health hazard.

Please put a stop to this project.

Lara Scarborough

From: amy mccarter[redacted]
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] No Boxed Beach!
Date: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 7:13:11 PM

RE: Centennial/ Elder Lane Beaches, Winnetka, IL (Co-Applicants: Winnetka Park District & Orchard 2020 Trust

Hello, I am a current and future resident of Winnetka and it has come to my attention that there is a frightening feature to the **new Elder/Centennial Beach Plan in Winnetka** that I and my neighbors are absolutely against for many reasons. I grew up in the North Shore in Wilmette and have raised my family here the last 22 years— and I have never seen anything like this proposed along the beachfront. **The 13+ foot high metal partition/fence that runs along the beach and down into the water is unfathomable.** Creating a **"boxed" beach**, eliminating the views up and down the shoreline, not to mention the ability to walk along the shore freely. Walking the shore is not something I do often, but I consider it to be a basic right to enjoy the beachview and walk the shore on occasion — it is undoubtedly one of the most desirable assets of our lakefront community. There is an odd dystopian element to this idea of walling off nature to the masses, while preserving access to the natural shoreline for the 1% wealthy who own beachfront property. Honestly, it's shocking, scary and sets a frightening precedent for future "walls" in our community.

One of my neighbors assembled this relevant list of concerns — and I copy it here as I agree with them:

1. The current design blocks pedestrian access to the beach north and south of Park District property **in violation of the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine.** (At Lloyd beach, there is a passage between the public and private beaches) 2. The louvered fence on top of the breakwater is **an unproven design that walls in the beach and obliterates the current panoramic view both north and south.** The top of the fence is over 13 feet higher than sand elevation which obstructs the view of the shoreline and impedes the ability to freely walk the beach. 3. This design feature, if approved, would **set a precedent that could be replicated at other properties along the shore** creating a series of walled off private beaches on public land. 4. **Shoreline erosion protection and bluff preservation can be accomplished** without the downsides of the current design 5. Please consider revising the plan, removing the steel wall **that was not approved by taxpaying residents** and allowing for passage between the beach similar to what the village provided at newly completed Lloyd beach.

This design underscores a division in our global community that is exactly what we should be avoiding today. Thank you for your serious attention to this shameful, elitest "design".
— Amy McCarter, [redacted]

AMY MCCARTER

From: Sheila Nielsen
To: crintz@winnetka.org; Casey, James; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania; Wobig, Loren; Winnetka Park District wpdinfo@winpark.org
Subject: [External] No Wall at the Beach
Date: Thursday, June 2, 2022 8:29:32 AM

I am a homeowner in Winnetka and our family (the Nielsen family) has a longstanding connection to and love of Winnetka. I am deeply concerned about the plan to erect a wall at the Winnetka beach. The beach is a wonderful part of Winnetka that should be open to the people who live here. My understanding is that this wall is an attempt to accommodate a homeowner who wants a barricade so he can essentially have a private beach. I really hope this wall is not built. It would be a bad precedent in our village to make this accommodation for a homeowner. It would not be good for the environment and it would be an eyesore. This reminds me of the Trumpian wall at the border to keep out immigrants. We really don't need that in Winnetka

Sincerely,
Sheila Nielsen

From: Robbins Mary Joyce
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] NO!
Date: Sunday, May 29, 2022 8:04:25 AM

No to the unsightly wall on the Winnetka beach! There's nothing positive to say about it. Please don't waste the money!

Mary Joyce Robbins

Mary Joyce Robbins
Sent from my iPhone,
So, pls xcuse typos

From: Karyn Murphy
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] North Shore Beaches
Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 9:59:21 PM

Dear Mr. Casey,

I am writing to encourage you to veto/oppose the upcoming vote with the IDNR for the Elder Lane and Centennial Beaches in Winnetka. Please oppose this request. It is not a coincidence that the North Shore beaches are a coveted asset for many who live in Illinois. The North Shore has taken great pride and stewardship of the lakefront. While it must being maintained and protected for everyone, it must also be available for everyone to enjoy.

Please protect our waterfront shoreline for everyone. Do not vote in favor of protecting and limiting beach access to a privileged few.
Be a thoughtful citizen and make the right decision.

Karyn Murphy
A 45 year resident of [redacted]

From: Michele Giczewski
To: Wobig, Loren; Casey, James
Subject: [External] Objection of Winnetka Park District "Proposed Fence"
Date: Sunday, May 29, 2022 1:45:15 PM

Hello,
It is absurd that the WPD would try to undermine their constituents by allowing a private home owner to construct a WALL. This is a shallow, underhanded deal for them to get funds.

This elitist, anti environmental wall would be a really sad statement. Should then all homeowners be allowed a WALL between their neighbors? Shame on the WPD.

Thank you for helping to support the rejection of this plan.

Best,
Michele Giczewski

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Michele M. Giczewski

[redacted]

From: Nathan Brown
To: Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania; Casey, James
Subject: [External] Objection to the Winnetka Wall proposal
Date: Monday, June 6, 2022 10:08:34 AM

Dear IDNR representatives,

I am a long time resident of Winnetka, IL and want to raise an objection to the proposal that would build a large wall on the beach at Elder Beach. I can't believe we need such a large obstruction to protect the beach. Nowhere else do we have such a large structure on the beach. We should keep the barrier low to the water, so it keeps the views open up and down the beach.

Thanks for your consideration.

Nathan Brown
[redacted]

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From: Brian Szejka
To: Soren.G.Hall@usace.army.mil; hello@winnetkacaucus.org; Bayers, Ania; Snow, Renee; Wobig, Loren; Casey, James
Subject: [External] Opposition to Elder/Centennial Beach Winnetka
Date: Thursday, May 19, 2022 9:31:20 AM

Good Morning,

I'm writing to express my extreme displeasure, and opposition to, the proposed design at Elder/Centennial beach.

One of the stand out features of the village of Winnetka is our public access beaches that provide stunning views north, east and south all the way to Gilson Beach in Wilmette. The views provide an incredible experience unique to the north shore, a special place to spend time with friends, families and pets (and should remain dog-friendly as well).

The proposed fence in the attached design is an affront to the residents of Winnetka, a flagrant violation of the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine, and a horrendous eye sore on a beautiful stretch of nature. Additionally, the pool designs intended to combat beach erosion will become highly susceptible to bacteria growth.

The interests of one influential land owner on the lakefront should in no way take precedence over the public beach front experience for all Winnetka residents. To expect Winnetka residents to enjoy a beach while being barricaded in by a massive fence effectively 15' tall is an insult, and complete disregard for the tax payers who are already being railroaded into a beach renovation that is questionable in design at best.

Brian Szejka

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From: Ann S. Cole
To: Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania; contact@robyngabel.com; "Army Corps of Engineers"; contactcouncil@winnetka.org; Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania; contact@robyngabel.com; "Army Corps of Engineers"; contactcouncil@winnetka.org
Subject: [External] Plans for Winnetka Beaches
Date: Friday, June 3, 2022 7:27:18 PM
Attachments: image001.png

I hope you will all reconsider your new plans for the wall blocking the current unobstructed view of the shoreline. I join many others in thinking this is an ill-advised approach and a truly a step in the wrong direction! Surely you can achieve your objectives without making such a radical and inappropriate change to our beautiful beaches!

Sisncerely,

Ann

Ann Sherby Cole

[redacted]

From: Justine Hourihane
To: Soren.G.Hall@usace.army.mil; Casey, James; Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania
Cc: croot@winpark.org
Subject: [External] Please do NOT approve Winnetka Elder Beach Plan as Drafted!
Date: Thursday, June 2, 2022 8:45:40 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you today to express my opposition to the most recent version of the Winnetka Park District's Elder/Centennial 2020 Beachfront Plan and to ask your help in stopping it from becoming a reality. The current version of the Elder/Centennial Beachfront Plan was recently submitted to the IDNR and the Army Core of Engineers for approval. I hope after reading this letter you too will see why it would be a tragic mistake to approve the plan as is.

The original Winnetka Park District/Centennial Plan was thoughtfully developed after considerable community input. The plan united 2 beaches, protected and restored the beachfront, and afforded breathtaking views of and access to the waterfront for the public to enjoy. That plan has been significantly altered and has been submitted for approval to the agencies listed above without input from or approval by the tax paying residents of Winnetka. The new plan includes the significant addition of a continuous metal louvered fence attached to rocks towering over beach goers on either end of the beach. The new fence/wall runs from the bluff to the breakwater- making both views over and access through the barricade impossible. The open beach we have now and assumed we would in the new plan, has been "swapped" for a completely fenced in beach -a move that has never seen before on the North Shore of Chicago.

We believe that the introduction of towering walls on both ends of the beach has been done to benefit the adjacent private landowner who initiated a land swap that made the combination of the 2 parks possible. By introducing a towering barricade on the beach, the Park District is in essence building a privacy wall for the adjacent land over, and denying tax paying residents views of and access to the public shoreline. The language of the Land Swap document confirms that the owner has significant input in the design process. At a May 26, 2022 Board meeting, the Winnetka Park District admitted the design changes were borne from the land owners request. In that the land swap hasn't happened to date, it would appear that the private land owner has leverage over the Park District. As a tax paying citizen, this entire process is wrong.

We believe that:

- It is in the best interest of the public to have continued access to beaches with unobstructed views.
- As it stands, the wall-fence design appears to be a violation of the Illinois

Public Trust Doctrine.

- This plan could set dangerous precedent along the lakefront in Illinois. None of us want to see our shoreline divided into enclosed private enclaves with towering walls.
- The Park District of Winnetka can do better – they need to come up with a Plan B that better serves the needs of current and future public beach goers.

As of today, over 1,000 people have signed a petition to ask the Winnetka Park district to take a collective pause to come up with a better solution for the Community.

Time is of the Essence. Public Comment ends on June 2nd. Please do what you can to stop the proposals from going through. We need to protect Lake Michigan's Shoreline for all to enjoy.

Sincerely,

Justine Hourihane
[redacted]

From: Aimée Garrison
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] Potential Barrier at Proposed Elder/Centennial Beach, Winnetka, IL
Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 11:22:59 AM

Good morning, Mr. Casey,

Please tell me that you are going to stand-up against the Winnetka Park District's efforts to erect an artificial barrier on the lakefront, as the proposed barrier will prevent people from their right to contiguous access to the waterline and an unobstructed view of the natural coastline.

In their effort to combine two beaches, the Winnetka Park District is planning to compromise the rights of the people. They went to great lengths to educate Winnetka's residents about the beach masterplan and gain their input and support. Since then, a major change has been incorporated into the plan - a change that has not been adequately publicized and for which they have not gained the support of the community. The change is being made to satisfy the unacceptable demands of one resident - at the great expense of all who enjoy Illinois' lakefront.

I implore you to stand-up for what is fair and just, by putting a stop to the Winnetka Park District's plan for a barrier at Elder/Centennial beach.

Thank you.

Most sincerely,

Aimée Garrison

From: Tom Brown
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] Proposal to expand the public beach facilities at Elder Lane and Centennial Parks in Winnetka, IL
Date: Sunday, May 8, 2022 12:27:05 PM

THOMAS P. BROWN

[redacted]

May 7, 2022

Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Office of Water Resources

Attn: James Casey

Re: Proposal to expand the public beach facilities at Elder Lane and Centennial Parks in Winnetka, IL

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have been a resident of Winnetka for over three decades. I have come to appreciate that our lakefront is a treasure to be preserved and to be enjoyed by all. It is not a community resource simply for a precious few or for a single season. While I recognize that swimmers and boaters bring the greatest number to the beach on an annual basis, their season is short. I, and many residents like me, savor the opportunity to walk the beach during all seasons, not simply the summer. When managing this community resource, attention should be paid not only to the seasonal users of the beaches but to all users.

I am a fan of the improvements that have come about at Lloyd Beach. I am particularly appreciative of the fact that the design of the Lloyd Beach improvements included steps up and over the breakwater on the south end (and that steps exist on the private breakwater further south). Implicit here is recognition that pedestrian traffic exists along the lakefront.

I attended the open house this morning for the proposed improvements at Elder Lane and Centennial Parks. I was shocked to learn that not only does the design not carry forward the thoughtfulness of the Lloyd Beach design, it actively subverts the design by installing obstacles to pedestrian traffic. And why, I asked at the open house, is this the case?

- I heard the louvers were the specific request of the homeowner to the south of the beach who did not want pedestrian traffic over the public trust space on his beachfront. That suggests the Winnetka Park District has allowed one homeowner's interest to outweigh the interests of many other residents.

- I heard that safety was a purported reason because the steps at Lloyd were not sufficiently safe

and, under the proposed plan, "people can just walk through the water when and if it is low enough" to get to the other side. My response to that is two-fold: (i) Build safer steps rather than revoke the privilege of walking; and (ii) You have created an even greater safety hazard for pedestrian traffic with the design you have fashioned by forcing pedestrians to deal with uncertain footing in the water or when otherwise trying scramble around the louvres.

Park beaches in Winnetka should exist and be maintained for the benefit of the community as a whole, not for a single homeowner, and not exclusively for users in a single season. I would urge you to provide a safe means of traversing the breakwaters at each end of the Elder-Centennial to ensure safe passage by the all-year pedestrians who walk the beach.

Thank you in advance for you attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Thomas P. Brown

From: Kim Mulligan
To: Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania; contact@robyngabel.com; Soren.G.Halll@usace.army.mil; contactcouncil@winnetka.org
Cc: David Mulligan
Subject: [External] Proposed Metal Barriers at Centennial/Elder Lane Beach in Winnetka
Date: Sunday, June 5, 2022 7:21:54 PM

Ladies and Gentleman,

I would like to take this opportunity to express opposition to the proposed metal barrier that was added to the lakefront design at the south end of Centennial Beach. As taxpayers and Winnetka homeowners for more than 25 years, my husband and I respectfully request that the metal barriers be removed from the plan. Aside from the apparent violation of the Public Trust Doctrine, the visual impact of such a barrier and, as importantly, the precedent it would set, makes this proposal clearly inappropriate for our beautiful coastline.

The merger of the two beaches is highly desirable and we appreciate the efforts of each of you to realize this goal. Thank you for taking our position with regard to the metal barrier into consideration.

Sincerely,

Kim and David Mulligan

From: Ann Taylor
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] proposed wall for Elder Beach
Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 7:59:57 AM

Elder has been my beach since I first moved to Winnetka in 1960. The Mexican border wall will destroy the beach. Let it erode naturally.

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Ann Taylor

From: Jennifer Edidin
To: Jennifer Edidin
Subject: [External] Proposed Winnetka lakefront wall
Date: Saturday, May 28, 2022 3:50:49 PM

DEAR IDNR AND ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS:, I grew up in the Glencoe and Winnetka area and have returned to raise my children. Winnetka and the northern suburbs have a wonderful lakefront, with multiple beaches. I had grandparents with riparian property and my parents live across the street from the lake. No one growing up has been allowed to obstruct the views of the lake, which has allowed us to appreciate the views from Waukegan and the city. It is my understanding that at the meeting of the Winnetka Park District last night, there were 600 signatures, collected in 24 hours, on a petition AGAINST the 13 FOOT fence and most in attendance that did not support a 13 foot fence, and NO ONE WANTS A FENCE OVER THE WATER. A PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL SHOULD NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO INFRINGE ON THE WATERFRONT WITH A 13 FOOT LOUVERED FENCE THAT PROTRUDES 125 FEET!!! THE RIGHTS OF THE LAKE SHOULD BE ALL OF OURS. RESIDENTS IN THE AREA DO NOT WANT TO LOOK OUT AT A WALL EVERY-TIME THEY KAYAK OR GO TO THE LAKE. The new proposed fence will: 1. Be grossly oversized at 13 feet and out 125 feet over the water 2. Limit access for all Winnetkan's 3. Limit visibility up and down the lakefront 4. Benefit ONE or TWO people and not all of Winnetka 5. Set a precedence that will ruin the lakefront 6. Every other Winnetkan on the lake has followed Winnetka's laws and put a 7 foot fence in and no one has put a fence over the water. Please don't start now. 7. NO OTHER MUNICIPALITY HAS THIS, NOT GLENCOE, KENILWORTH, WINNETKA, HIGHLAND PARK, LAKE FOREST, ETC, Have THE property owner PUT ROCKS OUT LIKE EVERY OTHER HOUSE ON THE LAKE, including my own family members. PLEASE TURN DOWN THE OUTRAGEOUS REQUEST FOR A WALL THAT WILL RUIN THE LAKEFRONT FOR EVERY OTHER RESIDENT IN OUR COMMUNITY.

JENNIFER EDIDIN

Sent from my iPhone

From: Hilary Tyor
To: soren.G.Hall@usace.mil; Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania
Subject: [External] Protest wall on lakefront in Winnetka... Centennial and Elder Beaches
Date: Monday, June 6, 2022 4:36:14 PM

To all those who have a vote and voice please...

I object to the louvered steel fence on top of the breakwater that impedes pedestrian access and obstructs the view of the lakefront.
Please do not approve the proposed design.
No individual owner should be allowed an accommodation that affects all others in such a negative way.

Thank you for your consideration.

Hilary Tyor
[redacted]

*For Comments to the Army Corps of Engineers**
Reference Centennial/ Elder Lane Beaches, Winnetka, IL
Commenters must provide their name, mailing address, and email address
Project Manager,: Soren.G.Hall@usace.army.mil

For Comments to the IDNR
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Email all 4 people: james.casey@illinois.gov Jim Casey - Project Manager
Loren.Wobig@Illinois.gov IDNR Director of water resources Renee.snow@illinois.gov
IDNR General Counsel Ania.Bayers@illinois.gov Director of Water Resources IDNR IL
Coastal Management Plan

From:	robert schriesheim
To:	Soren.G.Hall@usace.army.mil; Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania
Cc:	nfo@wpd.org; contactus@winnetka.org; contact@robyngabel.com; Jim Peterson
Subject:	[External] Public Comment for Project Number LRC-2021-00454
Date:	Thursday, June 2, 2022 9:23:05 AM

Public Comment for Project Number LRC-2021-00454

Robert A Schriesheim

Dear USACE and IDNR Representatives,

The drawings submitted to you by the Winnetka Park District, to build a wall at Centennial/Elder beach parks, give the height of the sea walls in ft above lake level. Currently these beaches are measured at about 581.5 GLD.

The little white numbers in the drawings are the height of the sea walls or the breakwaters at various places from the toe of the bluff out into the water. This allows us to determine height (590 - 581.5, for example, means that wall, at that point, is almost 9 feet.)

BUT these drawings don't include the height of the steel "louver" fence on top of those walls. Add the about 7-8 feet for the fence and you get a towering 16 or 17 ft combined wall, particularly at the south end. Your usual beach experience will be caged in – No north or south breezes at beach chair height, and no view except for boulders and sky.

AND it may be worse. The designers can't really control the height of the steel sheet pilings that the steel "louver" fence will be welded on to.

The sheet pilings are driven into the lake bottom using a machine called a pile driver. Sometimes the sheet pilings can be driven down to design height. Sometimes not. If not, the wall and the fence will be higher than the estimates in these drawings.

We should not have to guess the dimensions of these structures.

The Army Corp of Engineers and the IDNR must ask the applicants to supply the total heights of the sea wall/sheet pile walls/steel fence at the place where the beach meets the bluff.

The ACE and IDNR must also tell us how much "shore" will be left of the existing 1070 feet of beach after the rock and steel walls are built at each end and the rock pier takes a large bite out of the middle.

How many acres of fill will go into the lake when all the rocks AND sand are calculated? The application says 1 acre, which is huge. But that is only the footprint of the stones.

Please request new, accurate scale drawings from every viewpoint. The renderings submitted to you do not appear to be to scale, and do not convey the enormity of this proposal.

It is important that we see drawings from outside this structure as well.

As a nearly 30 year Winnetka resident, who is very involved in the community and who lives less then a 5 minute walk from the beach, I find this project objectionable on numerous grounds. First, The public was unaware of the addition of a steel wall until a week ago. Upon speaking to a majority of the Winnetka Village Trustees, it was clear they were unaware of it as well. Although the Ishbia letter on the April 27 application says that there is a letter of support from the Village of Winnetka, that letter was submitted in October, before any knowledge of this recent updated version, which now includes a wall. Second, Over 1100 residents have signed a petition against this last minute addition of a steel wall. You have no doubt received overwhelming public comment against the wall. In light of this drastic change to the original plans, at the very least, more time needs to be spent vetting this latest change in the public forum. it would also be prudent during your review to request that all of the authors of the supporting letters acknowledge they are aware of the recent addition of the wall and that their original letters supporting the lakefront plan of 2020 are now being used in

support of the steel wall. Third, never in the history of the lakefront is anybody aware of such a border wall being constructed creating an awful eyesore (never mind the flawed engineering outcome of such a walk in Lake Michigan) and ruining the natural beach front. This is a terrible precedent in which you would be establishing the ability of essentially selling off natural beauty for dollars in a most perverse way.

Thank you very much for your consideration of these issues and please deny this application.

Thanks
Rob
Robert A. Schriesheim
[redacted]

From:	Tina Dalman
To:	Soren Hall; Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bavers, Ania; Robin Gabel; EXT Gabel, Robyn
Cc:	contactus
Subject:	[External] Public Comment for Project Number LRC - 2021-00454
Date:	Monday, June 6, 2022 10:37:28 PM

Dear USACE and IDNR Representatives:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment on the permit application filed jointly by the Winnetka Park District and the Orchard Revocable Trust to permit a project including shoreline protection and public beach improvement work. I am a resident of the Village of Winnetka and a current Trustee on the Village Council. I strongly supported the Winnetka Park District's conceptual plans presented to the Council to consolidate two (2) waterfront parks in the Village — Elder and Centennial Parks. However, I do not personally support the Park District's more detailed plan included in the Park District's April 27, 2022 permit application to IDNR and USACE to the extent that it includes the construction of a louvered steel screen wall on top of an extensive breakwater improvement. This portion of the Park District's permit application was not presented to the Village Council and I do not support its inclusion in the Park District's lakeshore project.

The proposed louvre steel structure, if approved, would impair the public's use and enjoyment of the shoreline and it would set a bad precedent for lakeshore development. I trust that the Park District will listen to the public comment on this element of an otherwise outstanding plan and seek to amend their permit application to remove the louvered steel screen from the proposed project. Thank you for your consideration of my comments and your work on behalf of the residents of Illinois.

Respectfully,

Kristina Dalman
Village of Winnetka, Village Trustee

From: Mary Hickey
To: Soren.G.Hall@usace.army.mil; Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania; info@wpd.org; contactus@winnetka.org; contact@robyngabel.com
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Mary Brower Hickey

From:	Vicki Apatoff
To:	Soren.G.Hall@usace.army.mil; Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania
Cc:	info@wpd.org; contactus@winnetka.org; contact@robyngabel.com
Subject:	[External] Public Comment for Project Number LRC-2021-00454
Date:	Wednesday, June 1, 2022 9:48:55 PM

Public Comment for Project Number LRC-2021-00454

Vicki Garrison Apatoff

[redacted]

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From: Rick Mullin
To: Soren.G.Hall@usace.army.mil; Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania
Cc: info@wpd.org; contactus@winnetka.org; contact@robyngabel.com; Chris Rintz
Subject: [External] Public Comment for Project Number LRC-2021-00454
Date: Thursday, June 2, 2022 3:55:27 PM

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am writing in opposition to the louvered wall on either side of the proposed plan for redeveloping Elder Beach in Winnetka.

I can see no useful purpose for the walls. The idea of privacy for public beaches obviously is nonsensical. If private property owners on either side of the beach are concerned about privacy, well, that is their concern and should not be a part of the plan and expense for a public beach.

Esthetically, the wall is quite unappealing.

Finally, I think the wall makes exactly the wrong statement at this time in our history. Winnetka and our country in general need fewer walls, not more. Especially fewer pointless, purposeless, unattractive walls.

In the immortal words of Grace Slick: "Tear down the walls, tear down the walls!!

Regards,

Rick Mullin

From:	Andrew Cripe
To:	Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania; EXT Gabel, Robyn; contact@robyngabel.com
Subject:	[External] Public Comment for Project Number LRC-2021-00454
Date:	Thursday, June 2, 2022 4:49:28 PM

Subject: Public Comment for Project Number LRC-2021-00454

Public Comment for Project Number LRC-2021-00454

From:

Andrew Cripe
Winnetka Village Trustee

Dear USACE and IDNR Representatives,

I am a resident of the Village of Winnetka and a Trustee on the Winnetka Village Council (serving my 8th year on the Council). While I support the overall plan to consolidate the two beaches as proposed by the Winnetka Park District, the louvered steel wall that has recently been added as an element to that plan was not previously presented to the Village Council for approval and I do not personally support it. It would set a bad precedent and is not appropriate for the lakefront. I know our Park District is working hard to respond to resident concerns about the wall and I'm hopeful that they will remove the wall from the plan and move forward with their original vision for the site. Thank you for your service to our State and for your careful attention to this issue and all of the resident and other public comment I'm sure you are receiving.

Regards,

Andrew Cripe
Village of Winnetka, Village Trustee

From:	Elizabeth Lane
To:	Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania
Subject:	[External] Re: Centennial/ Elder Lane Beaches, Winnetka, IL (Co-Applicants: Winnetka Park District & Orchard 2020 Trust)
Date:	Tuesday, May 31, 2022 3:48:31 PM

Hello. I am editing my email below because I read that people providing comments on this issue must include their physical street address. I've added it at the bottom. Thank you.

> On May 24, 2022, at 9:17 AM, Elizabeth Lane wrote:
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> I am writing to express my strong opposition to one aspect of the proposed development of Centennial/Elder Beaches in Winnetka. I recently learned that the plans to combine and develop Centennial and Elder beaches was revised to add steel boarder walls enclosing the beach area and blocking it off from neighboring beachfront. The proposed walls are as high as 13 feet in some locations and will block views up and down the beach. The walls will also prevent people from walking along waters edge up and down Winnetka's shoreline to the north and south of the Centennial/Elder beach area. There are no current plans to create an opening in the walls that would allow the public to access adjacent beachfront.
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> The Public Trust Doctrine (which has been recognized in America since before the United States was an independent country, and which has been upheld in Illinois courts) says that the public has a right to access the shoreline up to the high water mark. The proposed walls would effectively block that access. In addition, a large part of the enjoyment beachgoers experience is the beautiful vista of our gorgeous Lake Michigan shoreline. To block that off with walls obstructing views to the north and south significantly and detrimentally impacts the public's ability to enjoy its beach.
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> To be clear, I have no objection to the remainder of the Centennial/Elder beach development. I also completely understand that private owners of property to the north and south have the right to restrict access to their beach property above the high water mark. Other beaches in Winnetka have been designed in a way that allows visibility and access to the wet sand area beyond the public beach's perimeters, while still delineating the border of the public beach. The Centennial/Elder beach development should be required to use a similar, and much less intrusive and violating, approach at Centennial/Elder.
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> I urge you to reject the proposed walls that would block both access and visibility to the north and south shoreline. This would be a horrible precedent to establish and would ruin our beautiful shoreline for generations to come.
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> Sincerely,
> Elizabeth Lane
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From: Sunny Russell
To: Casey, James
Cc: Snow, Renee; Wobig, Loren; Bayers, Ania; croot@winpark.org; TC Russell
Subject: [External] Re: Centennial/Elder Lane Beaches Winnetka, Il
Date: Friday, May 20, 2022 3:06:15 PM

Dear All,

We are writing to you today regarding the Centennial and Elder Lane Beach restoration project. As residents of Winnetka, we cannot express enough how integral Centennial Park and Elder Lane beach are to this community and how important the public shoreline was in selecting a suburb to raise our family. Our family and our proud neighbors enjoy the beach and the view year round. These beautiful public spaces are not only a valuable asset to Winnetka residents but are a destination for visitors from all over Chicagoland.

We were thrilled to learn of the plans for the new beach front expansion, and welcome the changes as we believe it will enhance the natural beauty of the shore and the parks. However, we are extremely disappointed and concerned to see the addition of a 13 foot steel wall proposed on each side of the beach. We implore you to reconsider the construction of this wall for the reason listed below:

1. The current design blocks pedestrian access to the beach north and south of Park District property in violation of the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine. (At Lloyd beach, there is a passage between the public and private beaches) 2. The louvered steel fence / wall on top of the breakwater is an unproven design that walls in the beach and obliterates the current panoramic view both north and south. The top of the steel wall is over 13 feet higher than sand elevation near the water which obstructs the view of the shoreline and impedes the ability to freely walk the beach. The tree plantings will be even taller, as high as 20 feet. 3. This design feature, if approved, would set a precedent that could be replicated at other properties along the shore creating a series of walled off private beaches on public land. 4. Shoreline erosion protection and bluff preservation can be accomplished without the downsides of the current design

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Thank you so much for your time and consideration!

Best,
Sunny and Tom Russell

[redacted]

From: Erica Gmail
To: Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania; croot@winpark.org
Subject: [External] Re: Centennial/Elder Lane Beaches, Winnetka, IL
Date: Thursday, May 26, 2022 4:36:22 PM

Hello,

I am not in favor of the revised plan with a 13' steel wall at the beach.

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Thank you.

Erica Rogina

From: lschrie[redacted]
Cc: Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania; contactus@winnetka.org; contact@robyngabel.com; Jim Peterson
Subject: [External] Re: Public Comment for Project Number LRC-2021-00454
Date: Thursday, June 2, 2022 2:30:50 PM

Subject: Public Comment for Project Number LRC-2021-00454

Public Comment for Project Number LRC-2021-00454

Laura Schriesheim

[redacted]

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It is important that we see drawings from outside this structure as well.

As a nearly 30 year Winnetka resident, who is very involved in the community and who lives less then a 5 minute walk from the beach, I find this project objectionable on numerous grounds. First, The public was unaware of the addition of a steel wall until a week ago. Upon speaking to a majority of the Winnetka Village Trustees, it was clear they were unaware of it as well. Although the Ishbia letter on the April 27 application says that there is a letter of support from the Village of Winnetka, that letter was submitted in October, before any knowledge of this recent updated version, which now includes a wall. Second, Over 1100 residents have signed a petition against this last minute addition of a steel wall. You have no doubt received overwhelming public comment against the wall. In light of this drastic change to the original plans, at the very least, more time needs to be spent vetting this latest change in the public forum. it would also be prudent during your review to request that all of the authors of the supporting letters acknowledge they are aware of the recent addition of the wall

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Thank you very much for your consideration of these issues and please deny this application.

Thanks

Laura Schriesheim

From: Tiffany Jorgensen
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] Re: Support for Elder & Centennial Park Project
Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2022 10:49:14 PM

Dear Mr. Casey,
I have recently learned that the original approved 2030 plan has changed and now includes a 13 ft wall which potential block views for local residents. This also appears to violate the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine. At this time, I must rescind my previous email and support. Please be thoughtful in this endeavor regarding this wall and the negative impact on our community.

Warm regards,
Tiffany Jorgensen
[redacted]

On May 20, 2022, at 9:37 AM, Jorgensen, Tiffany <[redacted]
wrote:

Letter of Support for Elder Lane Park and Beach + Centennial Park and Beach Project OWR PERMIT C20220006

Illinois Department of Natural Resources - james.casey@illinois.gov

Dear Mr. Casey,

Please accept this letter as evidence of my full support for the Winnetka Park District's breakwaters and plan to combine Elder Lane Park and Beach and Centennial Park and Beach. As a concerned resident of the Chicagoland area, I am looking forward to the enhanced public access to the lakefront for community members of all abilities. In my view, the plan has many thoughtful design features which accomplish the following key objectives:

1. Creates significantly enhanced public access to open spaces, the beaches, and the lakefront by combining two parks currently separated by a private residence and impassable steel and timber barriers into nearly 1,000 feet of ADA accessible public shoreline with swimming and non-motorized watercraft areas, a boardwalk, a large sunbathing pier, and a new beachfront event space;

2.

Significantly upgrades Elder Beach, which has been closed to the public for the last two years due to unsafe conditions and damaged structures, and Centennial Park which has been available only to a small universe of people for more than twenty years;

3. Captures sand for added beach area and protects against erosion by including attractive soil protecting planting pockets and breakwaters at the beach's boundaries;

4. Creates a safe environment for families to relax and enjoy. The aesthetically pleasing planting pockets and louvers limit the risk of young children wandering beyond the confines of the park, getting injured climbing on the breakwaters, or encountering unsafe conditions beyond park boundaries; and

5. Provides peace of mind for dog owners utilizing the newly designed offseason dog beach as their pets will remain within a specified public area, protecting them from wandering off the intended boundaries of the park.

I fully support the Winnetka Park District's Elder and Centennial plan as designed.

Sincerely,

From: Nan Greenough
To: Casey, James; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania; Wobig, Loren; wpdinfo@winpark.org
Subject: [External] Re: Winnetka IDNR permit request for the property on the North and South End of Centennial and Elder Lane Beach
Date: Monday, May 30, 2022 2:32:00 PM

From: Nan Greenough, [redacted] former Village Trustee and Plan Commission member

DEAR IDNR AND ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS:

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The proposed blocking of people's ability to walk the shore at the water line (public trust doctrine) takes away people's rights. That's very distressing.

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Thank you, Nan Greenough

From: robert.schriesheim
To: Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania; Kessen, James
Subject: [External] Re: Winnetka IDNR permit request for the property on the North and South End of Centennial and Elder Lane Beach
Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 10:21:43 PM

Dear Illinois DNR and Army Corps of Engineers:

I write disbelief at the Winnetka Park District's permit request to wall off and barricade Illinois's beautiful Lake Michigan lakefront to accommodate a village resident, Mr. Ishbia. Please do not issue this permit. It will ruin the beach and set an awful precedent going forward for all similarly situated communities . . . that happen to have residents unafraid to use money to buy influence and lock the public out of public spaces. There has never been an example of any type of "Wall" being erected on the beaches. It not only suggests an exclusionary environment, but would also destroys the look and feel of the beach.

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Given your expertise in water management, I am sure you've followed the disastrous consequences of erecting foreboding metal walls at the southern border. They fall down in storms, trap debris, hurt wildlife, and damage the environment. Please don't accommodate the Winnetka Park District's capture by the influence of big dollars.

Thank you for your time.

Rob
Robert A. Schriesheim
[redacted]

Subject: Fw: Re[2]: Winnetka IDNR permit request for the property on the North and South End of Centennial and Elder Lane Beach

------ Original Message ------
From "Nan Greenough" <nangreenough[redacted]
To james.casey@illinois.gov; Renee.snow@illinois.gov; Ania.Bayers@illinois.gov; Loren.Wobig@illinois.gov; wpdinfo@winpark.org
Date 5/30/2022 2:31:27 PM
Subject Re: Winnetka IDNR permit request for the property on the North and South End of Centennial and Elder Lane Beach

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From:	Alex Apatoff Besen
To:	croot@winpark.org
Cc:	Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania; Soren.G.Hall@usace.army.mil; contact@robyngabel.com
Subject:	[External] Re: Winnetka Park District Steel Wall Application to the IDNR - Centennial and Elder Beachfront - Public Comment deadline June 2
Date:	Monday, May 30, 2022 8:55:36 PM
Attachments:	Louvered Wall NE view Centennial elder.png Louvered wall NW view Centennial Elder.png

Hello,

I was copied on this email and would like to second all the comments below. The shoreline should belong to everyone and is one of the most wonderful things about living in this area. I am a resident of Wilmette, not Winnetka, but am alarmed to think that this proposal could set a precedent for the future of the lake. I am very hopeful that a solution can be found that helps prevent erosion without allowing private citizens to wall off parts of the beach as they see fit.

Many thanks,

Alexandra Besen

On May 30, 2022, at 12:20 PM, Vicki Apatoff <... wrote:

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4. Shoreline erosion protection and bluff preservation can be accomplished without the downsides of the current design. Also, the applicants did not offer less restrictive alternatives to this beach in a cage concept.

In case you have not seen the design, here are two renderings from the consultant

working on the project. I hope you will agree that this project has no place on our public beaches.

SOUTH BREAKWATER | LOUVER SCREEN

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THE LAROTA GROUP.

FIGURE 1 VIEW LOOKING NORTHEAST FROM ORCHARD 2020 BLUFF TOE

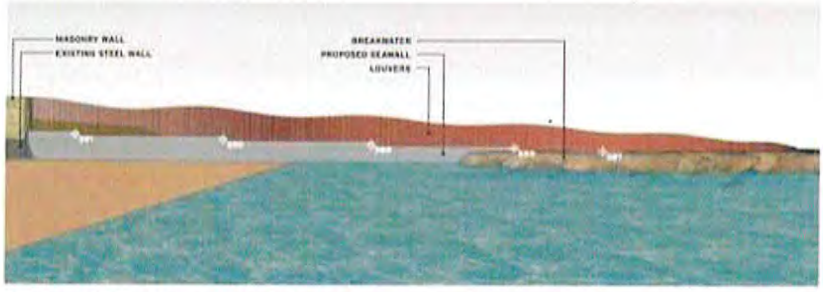

FIGURE 2 VIEW LOOKING NORTHWEST FROM ORCHARD 2020 BEACH

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Thank you for your time and I hope you have a very Happy Memorial Day Weekend.
Vicki Apatoff

From:	Robert Carpenter
To:	Vicki Apatoff
Cc:	Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania; Soren.G.Hall@usace.army.mil; contact@robyngabel.com
Subject:	[External] Re: Winnetka Park District Steel Wall Application to the IDNR - Centennial and Elder Beachfront - Public Comment deadline June 2
Date:	Tuesday, May 31, 2022 5:14:50 PM

Dear IDNR Officials,

We write in support of Ms. Apatoff's letter referenced below. The Lake is one of the most unique and valuable features of our community and a 9.5 foot steel wall/fence would destroy the aesthetics of the Lake for the many members of our community (as well as others) who enjoy its unique beauty. We also object to the late communication of this plan to the public and question why a private owner's riparian preferences outweigh the public's interest in viewing, walking and enjoying our common treasure, Lake Michigan.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Robert and Sally Carpenter

Sent from my iPad

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Vicki Apatoff

From:	Maryann Burke
To:	Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania; Soren.G.Hall@usace.army.mil
Cc:	contact@robyngabel.com
Subject:	[External] Re: Winnetka Park District Steel Wall Application to the IDNR - Centennial and Elder Beachfront - Public Comment deadline June 2
Date:	Monday, May 30, 2022 12:37:27 PM
Attachments:	Louvered Wall NE view Centennial elder.png Louvered wall NW view Centennial Elder.png

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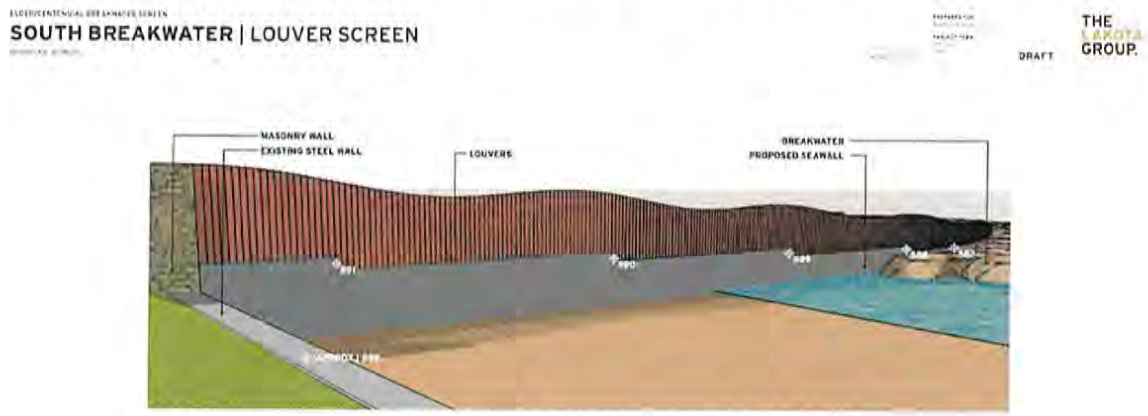

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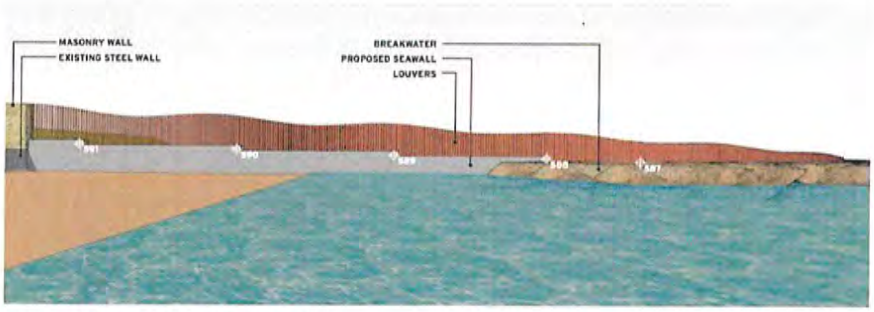

FIGURE 2: VIEW LOOKING NORTHWEST FROM ORCHARD 2020 BEACH

ELDER/CENTENNIAL BREAKWATER SCREEN

SOUTH BREAKWATER | LOUVER SCREEN

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Thank you for your time and I hope you have a very Happy Memorial Day Weekend.
Maryann Burke

From: Zig Smith
To: vicki.apatoff[redacted] Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania; Soren.G.Hall@usace.army.mil
Cc: contact@robyngabel.com
Subject: [External] Re: Winnetka Park District Steel Wall Application to the IDNR - Centennial and Elder Beachfront - Public Comment deadline June 2
Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 11:53:18 AM
Attachments: Louvered Wall NE view Centennial elder.png
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Hi Vicki,
Thank your forwarding this information to me. It is very disappointing that the Winnetka Park District would think that this is an appropriate use of public land. Not only will the sweeping views be obliterated and accessibility be compromised, but as been proven in the past, it will create further beach erosion on either side of the proposed "fences". This was determined a number of years ago when the lake was again at a very high level and erosion was a big factor along our lakefront. I am not aware of any real public discussion, and the deadline occurs at a very inconvenient time after a holiday weekend. I cannot imagine anyone working on behalf of the preservation of Lake Michigan and the other Great Lakes would think this is a reasonable idea. I hope this application will be denied.

Sincerely,
Karen Z. Smith
[redacted]

---Original Message---
From: Vicki Apatoff <vicki.apatc[redacted]
To: james.casey@illinois.gov; Loren.Wobig@illinois.gov <Loren.Wobig@Illinois.gov>; Renee.snow@illinois.gov; Ania.Bayers@illinois.gov; Soren.G.Hall@usace.army.mil
Cc: contact@robyngabel.com
Sent: Mon, May 30, 2022 1:20 pm
Subject: Winnetka Park District Steel Wall Application to the IDNR - Centennial and Elder Beachfront - Public Comment deadline June 2

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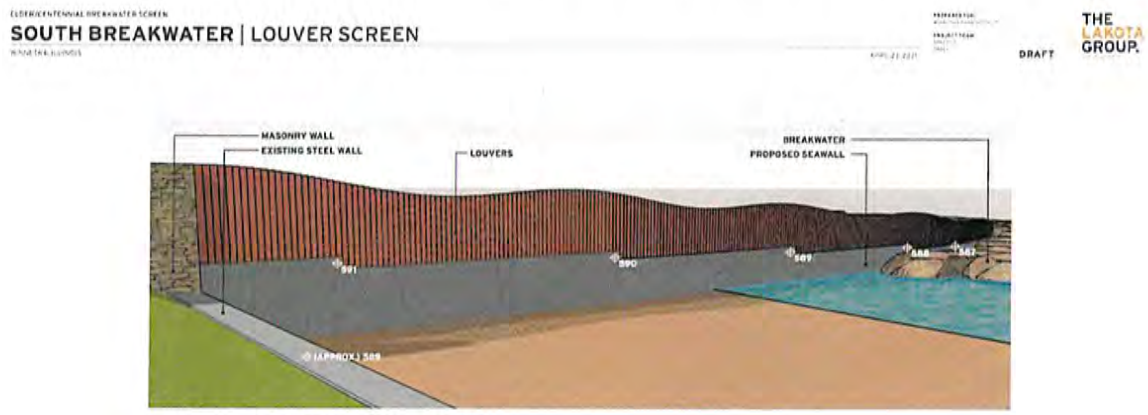

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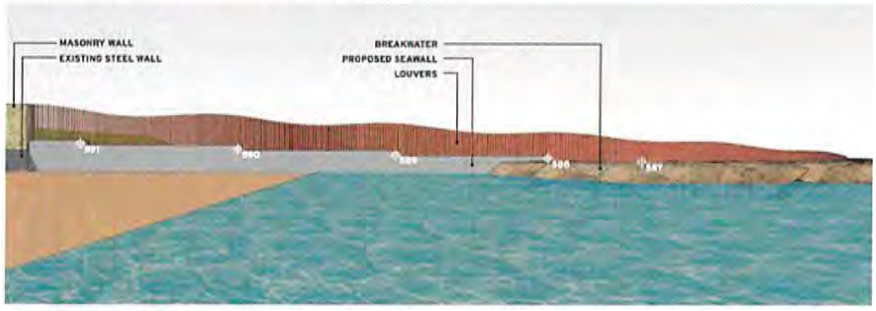

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From:	Lori Mulhern
To:	Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania; Soren.G.Hall@usace.army.mil; contact@robyngabel.com
Cc:	Vicki Apatoff; Katie Stevens
Subject:	[External] Re: Winnetka Park District Steel Wall Application to the IDNR - Centennial and Elder Beachfront - Public Comment deadline June 2
Date:	Tuesday, May 31, 2022 1:53:06 PM

Dear IDNR representatives,

I have been made aware that there is a plan to incorporate a steel wall into the breakwater design at Centennial and Elder Beachfront. I am writing to let you know that I oppose this design as it will limit the ability to walk freely on the shoreline, block the panoramic views of the lakefront and set a terrible precedence for lake front properties. Like other property owners on Lake Michigan, we have built a breakwater to protect our bluff and beach, but did it using natural stone and limiting the height of the breakwater. This steel wall on top of the breakwater is excessive and benefits only one resident who clearly wants the wall for screening and privacy purposes. I hope you will agree that this project is completely unreasonable and is not supported by so many of us that want to protect our lakefront resources in Winnetka.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lori Mulhern

From: Dana Marzonie
To: Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania; Soren.G.Hall@usace.army.mil
Subject: [External] Re: Winnetka Park District Steel Wall Application to the IDNR - Centennial and Elder Beachfront - Public Comment deadline June 2
Date: Thursday, June 2, 2022 2:07:07 PM

I am writing to ask that the IDNR reject the portion of the Winnetka Park District application for the Elder and Centennial Beachfront which specifies a steel louvered wall to be built on the beach and the boulder breakwaters extending into Lake Michigan.

The wall will destroy the view of the lake from the park shoreline and serves only as EXCESSIVE prevention for people climbing the boulder breakwater to access residential shoreline property. In every other situation along the Lake Michigan, a stone breakwater has been created without a wall and is helpful in preventing erosion, preserving beach areas and protecting privacy.

The proposed walls would set a precedent for numerous others to be built by our community Park Districts at every public lakefront park adjacent to private property. Additionally, private residents will build their own walls; further obstructing and bastardizing the view of our coveted natural resource, Lake Michigan.

The view and full experience of the lake is a resource to be enjoyed by everyone and this plan is a slippery slope with no benefit to the community. Those that live next to a village beach were fully aware they purchased and freely chose to reside next to Park District property. Perhaps those in such fear of their personal safety should make a different choice.

This is not a Winnetka Park District nor Village responsibility.

Please ask that this plan be further reviewed and refined.

Thank you for your time.

Dana Marzonie

[redacted]

From: ellen
To: Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania
Subject: [External] Reference Centennial/ Elder Lane Beaches, Winnetka, IL (Co-Applicants: Winnetka Park District & Orchard 2020 Trust
Date: Monday, May 23, 2022 12:42:37 PM

I am writing to express our objection to the 13-ft tall steel walls currently proposed for the north and south ends of Elder-Centennial Beach plan.

I believe this design plan would be a dangerously precedent-setting violation of the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine safeguarding public access to lake shoreline.

Additional concerns include:

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Thank you,

Ellen Mardock

From: Thomas Robison
To: Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania
Subject: [External] Reference Centennial/ Elder Lane Beaches, Winnetka, IL (Co-Applicants: Winnetka Park District & Orchard 2020 Trust
Date: Monday, May 23, 2022 12:49:58 PM

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Thomas A Robison

From:	Randy Whitchurch
To:	Casey, James
Subject:	[External] Reference Centennial/ Elder Lane Beaches, Winnetka, IL (Co-Applicants: Winnetka Park District & Orchard 2020 Trust
Date:	Friday, May 13, 2022 2:33:23 PM

Dear Mr. Casey,

I am writing to you to express my opposition to the current design of the beachfront improvements proposed by the Winnetka Park District for the Elder-Centennial beachfront.

I urge you to **reject their proposal** and tell the District they must submit a revised plan that better serves the needs of the community rather than one that principally serves the narrow privacy interests of lakefront homeowners.

My objections to the current design are four:

1. The current design blocks pedestrian access to the beach north and south of Park District property in violation of the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine.

2. The louvered fence on top of the breakwater is an unproven design that walls in the beach and obliterates the current panoramic view both north and south. This design feature, if approved, would set a precedent that would soon be replicated at other properties along the shore creating a series of walled off private beaches on public land.

3. Shoreline erosion protection and bluff preservation can be accomplished without the downsides of the current design, e.g. an offshore breakwater parallel to the beachfront.

4. The proposed design with two semi-enclosed ponds with expected depths of only 4 to 5 feet and minimal circulation would be an outdoor Petri dish for bacterial growth creating a potential health hazard.

Thank you for your consideration.

Charles R. Whitchurch

[redacted]

From:	Claudia Goodrich
To:	Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania
Cc:	croot@winpark.org
Subject:	[External] Reference Centennial/ Elder Lane Beaches, Winnetka, IL (Co-Applicants: Winnetka Park District & Orchard 2020 Trust
Date:	Sunday, May 29, 2022 10:07:12 AM

My family strongly opposes the plan to build 13 foot walls at the Centennial / Elder Lane Beach in Winnetka, IL. We do not see the need to create such a horrendous structure for which there is no other precedent along the lake. Pubic opinion is rapidly building against this proposal as news of it spreads around the village. The perception is growing that the village is caving to the interests of a billionaire who wants his own private beach. Others are writing long and detailed objections. We agree with all objections. Please stop this wall.

Claudia Goodrich

[redacted]

From: Irene Smith
To: Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania; Kessen, James
Subject: [External] Shore Protection / Public Beach Project in Lake Michigan at Elder and Centennial Parks in Winnetka, IL
Date: Saturday, May 28, 2022 9:11:00 PM

Dear friends,

My name is Irene Smith. I have been a [redacted] resident since 1986. I'm writing to ask you not to approve the permit required for the project above.

If the project goes forth, a single beachfront property owner will be allowed to wall off his beach completely, preventing me and others from walking along the shoreline. As I understand the Public Trust Doctrine, I have every right to walk along the shoreline of Lake Michigan.

Secondly, the proposal allows walls to be built that far exceed the Winnetka limit of 7 feet. You have seen in the plans that there will be stone walls which will be topped by a 6 1/2 foot louver wall. This enormously high wall or fence will prevent me and others from seeing the panoramic view of the lake that we all treasure. It seems unnecessary to the plan and was a late addition. Most of us had no idea how high these walls would be.

I hope that the Winnetka Park District Board will be required to hold information sessions before a final design decision is made. Even in the video on the Park District's website, there is no sign of the louvers.

Please bring this proposal to a standstill in order for the citizens of Winnetka to have more input. I think you'll find that the design is excessive and only benefits a single property owner. It sets a terrible precedent. Will other beachfront property owners wall off their beaches as well?

Thank you for your time.

Very truly yours,

Irene Smith
[redacted]

From: Doug Dietz
To: reneesnow@illinois.gov; Wobig, Loren; Casey, James
Subject: [External] Steel Wall/Fence
Date: Sunday, May 29, 2022 7:34:56 AM

I am opposed to the steel wall/fences that are proposed to cut off Centennial and Elder Beaches from water or beach access.

We all own the water and these fences will block our views down the coast and also is in violation of current laws.

Doug Dietz

From: Anne Ross
To: Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Bayers, Ania; Snow, Renee; contact@robyngabel.com; nrdcinfo@nrdc.org; nrdcaction@nrdc.org
Subject: [External] Stop Elder/Centennial Beach - Winnetka Waterfront 2030 Lakefront Master Plan
Date: Monday, May 30, 2022 11:34:03 AM

Dear Illinois Leaders and Protectors of Public Trust Doctrine,

First, on this Memorial Day as we honor our nation's heroes, I honor you for serving. Leading is challenging, especially when you see things your constituents do not and you disagree. Public debate keeps our democracy healthy, but makes your job harder. Thank you for hanging in there through the hard times.

I bring to your attention today, a matter where our leaders in Winnetka are not seeing things from a broader perspective.

I write to strongly urge you to intervene in an egregious overstep by the Winnetka Park District Board in not actively seeking or responding to public opinion on this matter, which will set a bad precedent on a number of levels:
- costly repurposing of already serene, effective set of public spaces
- eliminating Winnetka's only dog park
- secretive details surrounding a complex land swap that has hidden costs environmentally and fiscally
- a small group of relatively new residents on the Park District Board who lack the historic perspective on how Winnetka residents utilize our beaches and parks; so are uninformed by confusing data on actual beach usage by residents and nonresidents alike - both groups are far from fully utilizing the beaches and parks Winnetka has been fortunate to support for decades

I am on record at speaking up at the highly charged, poorly facilitated meeting re: the demise of Winnetka's one and only dog park in Winnetka at Centennial. The Park Board has corrupted the democratic process of listening and responding to public outcry and now our beachfront will suffer. And Warren James has not publicly shared details of this project or status updates with accuracy in an attempt to rush a project through during the pandemic, which seriously hindered the public review and debate. Why the rush????

I support everything shared below by "Your Winnetka - Working for All Winnetka" newsletter - after the recent meeting:
"Citing the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine (landmarked here), among other points, Thursday night's attendees, including a 17-year veteran of the Winnetka Park Board, a former Winnetka Village Trustee and a prominent Northwestern University Civil and Environmental Engineering Professor, echoed the public comments:

- Bad precedent. Does a single resident get to wall off his property beyond the beach, into the water? No other home along the beachfront has been granted such an exception.

- Winnetka's beaches aren't for sale. They belong to the public, regardless of the opportunity to connect the beaches.

- Short-sighted solution. The steel wall would block the public views from both the

north and south.

- Public vs private interests. The Park Board, as a representative of the taxpayers, needs to balance the public interest over the interests of one individual.

- Short-term solution vs long-term benefit. For more than 100 years, it's been two parks, two beaches. The chance to connect them is nice, but at what cost? If the deal for the land swap doesn't go through, we can live with it for another 100.

When one of the Board called a motion to stick in the clutch and revisit the Plan, no one seconded. So now it's your turn."

In our country right now, we see how our leaders need to hear from constituents so they support and enforce sound policy and decision-making. Please help Winnetka be a village that supports the voice of the many and our precious land and water while preventing the powerful few from dominating decision-making behind closed doors.

Respectfully,
Anne Ross

From: GLORIA GASCHLER
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] Stop the wall in Winnetka
Date: Monday, June 6, 2022 7:56:12 AM

Please do not allow this wall to go forward. Protect the interests of the public. It sets a dangerous precedent. Gloria

Sent from my iPhone

Gloria Gaschler

[redacted]

From: Karen Kiersey
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] STOP the Wall Project in Winnetka
Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 10:56:57 AM

To Whom it may concern:
We were out of town and now just catching up on all this info. As homeowners on the lake near Elder (335 Sheridan) we are extremely concerned about your lack of transparency with this project. This info was received just one month ago, and we also received notification via US mail with your proposed plans. These all seemed fine and in the acceptable range for the project.

NOW thanks to the concerned neighbors of our village, we are seeing the "new" plan with this crazy steel wall? What in the world happened? Where did that come from? Where is my full color brochure outlining that horrible idea?

Will we see lake front property owners (myself included) given the opportunity to do the same thing on our lake frontage? WOW this sets a horrible precedence. You must reconsider.

If this has something to do with the land swap opportunity then I am 100% against it. I have no idea who that person is that purchased all the property but they clearly are not from our village. I have lived here more than 23 years and I have zero interest in acquiescing to this sort of blackmail.

Karen Kiersey

[redacted]

From: Brenna Nichols
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] Stop the Winnetka Wall!!
Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:45:15 PM

Dear Mr. Casey,

I am writing you today to express my opposition to the most recent version of the Winnetka Park District's Elder/Centennial 2020 Beachfront Plan and to ask your help in stopping it from becoming a reality. The current version of the Elder/Centennial Beachfront Plan was recently submitted to the IDNR and the Army Core of Engineers for approval. I hope after reading this letter you too will see why it would be a tragic mistake to approve the plan as is.

The original Winnetka Park District/Centennial Plan was thoughtfully developed after considerable community input. The plan united 2 beaches, protected and restored the beachfront, and afforded breathtaking views of and access to the waterfront for the public to enjoy. That plan has been significantly altered and has been submitted for approval to the agencies listed above without input from or approval by the tax paying residents of Winnetka. The new plan includes the significant addition of a continuous metal louvered fence attached to rocks towering over beach goers on either end of the beach. The new fence/wall runs from the bluff to the breakwater- making both views over and access through the barricade impossible. The open beach we have now and assumed we would in the new plan, has been "swapped" for a completely fenced in beach -a move that has never seen before on the North Shore of Chicago.

We believe that the introduction of towering walls on both ends of the beach has been done to benefit the adjacent private landowner who initiated a land swap that made the combination of the 2 parks possible. By introducing a towering barricade on the beach, the Park District is in essence building a privacy wall for the adjacent land over, and denying tax paying residents views of and access to the public shoreline. The language of the Land Swap document confirms that the owner has significant input in the design process. At a May 26, 2022 Board meeting, the Winnetka Park District admitted the design changes were borne from the land owners request. In that the land swap hasn't happened to date, it would appear that the private land owner has leverage over the Park District. As a tax paying citizen, this entire process is wrong.

We believe that:

- It is in the best interest of the public to have continued access to beaches with unobstructed views.
- As it stands, the wall-fence design appears to be a violation of the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine.
- This plan could set dangerous precedent along the lakefront in Illinois. None of

us want to see our shoreline divided into enclosed private enclaves with towering walls.

- The Park District of Winnetka can do better – they need to come up with a Plan B that better serves the needs of current and future public beach goers.

As of today, over 1,000 people have signed a petition to ask the Winnetka Park district to take a collective pause to come up with a better solution for the Community.

Time is of the Essence. Public Comment ends on June 2nd. Please do what you can to stop the proposals from going through. We need to protect Lake Michigan's Shoreline for all to enjoy.

Sincerely,
Brenna Nichols

From: Patrick Heraty
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] The Wall Elder/Centennial Beach
Date: Monday, June 6, 2022 9:16:52 AM

Mr. Casey,

Happy Monday!

The Proposed Privacy Wall at the Elder/Centennial Beach is not something that is good for our lakefront or our local community and Illinois residents at large. The design is unattractive and the wall has no benefit to the Tax paying residents of the area. In fact it blocks views, doesn't allow for public passage and may be unsafe as it become a climbing attraction for many local youths.

Please do not endorse a plan that favors a single Billionaire's Family interests over the rest of Illinois's Citizens. It's OK to tell the Billionaire "No". I know it's hard. But his ask is selfish. Ultimately Mr. Casey, he may even respect you for it. Chances are he would write you with these same talking points if/when his nextdoor neighbor wants to build a similar louvered pricacy structure.

Building walls and privatizing our precious lakefront is not a good precedent for Lake Michigan's future. I am asking you to make constructive recommendation to your staff and take down this wall.

Build Sand Castles not Walls. Lake Michigan and it's shoreline is for everyone!

Patrick Heraty

[redacted]

From: Jennifer Tippet
To: Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Bayers, Ania
Subject: [External] Winnetka IDNR permit
Date: Sunday, May 29, 2022 6:42:55 AM

We do not need a huge fence in Winnetka! Seriously, the lake is to be viewed by EVERYONE. We don't need the great wall of China in our little village.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jennifer Tippet

From: Allen Welch
To: "Soren Hall"; Bayers, Ania; Snow, Renee; Wobig, Loren; Casey, James; Kessen, James
Subject: [External] Winnetka Beach Development - Elder/Centennial
Date: Friday, May 20, 2022 11:37:16 AM

Soren Hall, Army Corps of Engineers
Ania Bayers, IDNR
Renee Snow, IDNR
Loren Wobig, IDNR
James Casey, IDNR
James Kessen, IDNR

To all concerned:

RE: IDNR/OWR application for permit C20220006 by the Winnetka Park District and the Orchard Revocable Trust to construct a shore protection/beach project, in Lake Michigan, at Elder and Centennial Parks located at 299 & 225 Sheridan Road, Winnetka, IL 60093 and the property located at 261 Sheridan Road, Winnetka, IL 60093

While the Winnetka Park District's plan for Elder and Centennial Parks is commendable I urge all parties involved to reject the application.

The referenced application includes the addition of rock barriers, topped with steel, and buffered by vegetation... all located on state property. This design not only impedes foot traffic but also obscures vista along the lakeshore. This implementation appears to benefit properties adjacent to the park at the detriment of the entire state of Illinois. There appears to be undue consideration given to adjacent properties privacy.

As proposed, the breakwaters on the north and south are designed to interfere with the public's right under the Public Trust Doctrine to freely walk along the lakefront.

Until the plans for Elder / Centennial Parks include free access along the shoreline I urge all concerned to deny the Winnetka Park District's application.

Allen Welch

[redacted]

From: Bruce Linger
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] Winnetka beach park plans
Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 1:40:33 PM

I have serious concerns over plan as currently presented.

Bruce Linger

Sent from my iPad

From: Julie Pagliaro
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] Winnetka Beach plan
Date: Sunday, May 29, 2022 9:33:15 AM

Good morning,

I am reaching out in protest to the steel wall planned for Winnetka public beaches. For all environmental and public use reasons this is unconscionable. Private deal not dslisclosed benefitting individual home owner goes against all common sense.

Please stop this.

Julie Pagliaro

From: DRDUCLA
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] Winnetka beach proposal
Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 11:44:38 AM

Please take a look at what is happening in winnetka. We do not want huge steel walls on either side of elder beach. I just learned of it and think it is a horrible idea. Not only does it set a really bad precedent, it may even be in violation of the Illinois public trust doctrine.

A concerned Winnetka resident

Sent from my iPhone

From: hcassin[redacted]
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] Winnetka beach walk proposal
Date: Sunday, May 29, 2022 3:12:14 PM

Any structure that prohibits pedestrian passage along our beachfront and blocks long views of the shoreline should NEVER be acceptable and NEVER be approved. The public beach which as I understand it includes the entire shoreline up to the hightide line is one of the prime assets of the north shore communites and Chicago City. Do not ruin it.

Sent from my iPhone

From: SusanHering
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] Winnetka Beach Wall Plan
Date: Monday, May 30, 2022 1:53:35 PM

Sir,
I strongly oppose the wall that is now planned for Centennial Beach. A large metal structure will not only impede lake views, but it will also be aesthetically offensive. Even the trees suggested as a means of softening the view are a bad idea. The trees may be 10 ft when planted, but they will continue to grow, and eventually block much of the light to the beach and the park.

Susan Hering
long time [redacted] resident and daily visitor to the lakefront

From: lauracollyer[redacted]
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] Winnetka beach wall VOTE NO
Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 9:18:33 AM

Please vote NO to the proposed waterfront wall on Lake Michigan in Winnetka. We DO NOT want this in our community.
Thank you

Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS

From: D Aden
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] Winnetka beach wall
Date: Sunday, May 29, 2022 7:16:09 AM

The proposal to allow a private wall on the beach is nuts. This should not be allowed.

Douglas Aden, [redacted] resident

From: Barbara Vazquez
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] Winnetka beaches
Date: Sunday, May 29, 2022 12:07:09 PM

DEAR IDNR AND ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS:,
I grew up in Winnetka, I hate it here. the ONLY good thing about Winnetka is that there are 4 beaches. Do not ruin our natural landscape with a wall.
I smell a rat, as usual. Pity us disenfranchised, over privileged people. Many non residents use the beach and this will ruin it for them too.
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From: Mary Condon
To: Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania; Laura Fine; wpdinfo@winpark.org; EXT Gabel, Robyn
Subject: [External] Winnetka Beaches
Date: Thursday, June 2, 2022 11:11:48 PM

Dear Elected Representatives,

I'd like to echo what was said at the recent WPD Board meeting concerning the Winnetka beaches land swap and resulting high fencing. Any plan with 13 foot fencing for a private residence that blocks public view is a choice against the public interest in Winnetka and the surrounding communities. Why?

-It set's a bad precedent. No other home along the beachfront has been granted such an exception.

-Winnetka's beaches aren't for sale. They belong to the public, regardless of the opportunity to connect the beaches.

-It's a short-sighted 'solution' to something that really isn't a problem. Two beaches are working! The steel wall would block the public views from both the north and south. The resulting loss in sight lines would be an actual problem.

- The Park Board, as a representative of the taxpayers, ought to balance the public interest over the interests of one individual. This fencing option should not be on the table at all given that the public interest in this situation is overwhelming.

-For more than 100 years, it's been two parks, two beaches. The chance to connect them is nice, but at what cost? If the deal for the land swap doesn't go through, we can live with it for another 100.

Thank you all for your time and attention to this matter. Please don't let a large purse destroy the beauty of this community and open the door for others to do the same up and down Lake Michigan.

Sincerely,

Mary Condon

From: Peter Eatherton
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] Winnetka Beachfront Plan
Date: Thursday, June 2, 2022 1:16:11 PM

Dear Mr. Casey,

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Peter Eatherton

From: Ceylan Fatherton
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] Winnetka Beachfront Plan
Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 1:45:19 PM

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Ceylan Eatherton

[redacted]

From: Alex Ross
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] Winnetka Beachfront Project
Date: Friday, May 13, 2022 2:05:12 PM

Dear Mr. Casey,

I am writing to you regarding the proposed development of the Winnetka Beachfront at Centennial/Elder Park. I think there are a few design flaws in the project of which you should be aware.

1. I believe the current design is in violation of the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine because it blocks access for pedestrians on the South and North ends..

2. One of the rationales for replacing the existing open dog beach was to reduce bacterial growth, but it is worth highlighting that the proposed design (two semi-enclosed ponds of 4-5 feet) do not seem to provide adequate circulation to prevent a health hazard.

3. The louvered fence on top of the breakwater is an unproven design that walls in the beach and obliterates the current panoramic view both north and south. This would set a precedent that would soon be replicated at other properties along the shore creating a series of walled off private beaches on public land.

Perhaps erosion protection and bluff preservation can be achieved in other ways such as an offshore breakwater, etc.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments,

Alex Ross

[redacted]

From: Marc Garrison
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] Winnetka Centeninial/Elder Beach - Fence
Date: Sunday, May 29, 2022 3:29:35 PM

RE: Centennial/ Elder Lane Beaches, Winnetka, IL (Co-Applicants: Winnetka Park District & Orchard 2020 Trust

Hello Mr. Casey,

I wanted to ensure that this fence proposal has been reviewed by your department and younare aware of community concerns. The Fence is proposed to run from land, across the beach, and 100 feet into the water. The stated purpose is to prevent people from accessing the 'private beach'. Why would this be allowed in Illinois?

This private beach belongs to a wealthy individual who is land swapping with the Winnetka Park District. They apparently are aware that they can not install such a fence so they have required Winnetka to do so. The community is overwhelmingly opposed.

This fence will not only present a clear hazard to boaters but I believe also violates the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine.

I hope that you are able to review this proposal as it relates to Illinois law regarding fences along Lake Michigan and prevent Winnetka from imposing this on the beach.

Best,
Marc Garrison

From: Eileen Madigan
To: reneesnow@illinois.gov; lauren.wobig@illinois.gov; Casey, James
Subject: [External] Winnetka Centennial Elder Lane Beachfront Fence PLEASE VOTE NO
Date: Thursday, June 2, 2022 10:47:46 AM

Dear Ms. Snow, Ms. Wobig and Mr. Casey

I am strongly opposed to the current louvered slat/fence design for the redesigned Centennial and Elder Lane Park Beaches.

As a resident of a neighboring community on the lake, the thought that this obtrusive fencing could be replicated elsewhere along Illinois' beautiful Lake Michigan lakefront is appalling. The current plan would forever alter the sweeping views and open feeling one has when on the beach or in the park. At the very least, the proposal violates the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine.

Please fully and carefully consider the numerous long-term negative implications of approving this project and vote against it!

Sincerely,

Eileen Madigan

From: Sandy DiVarco
To: wpdinfo@winpark.org; soren.g.hall@usace.army.mil; Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania; croot@winpark.org
Subject: [External] Winnetka Centennial/Elder Beach Plan - Resident Objection
Date: Thursday, May 26, 2022 2:11:56 PM

Please add my objection, and that of my husband Derrick Kaleta, to what has to be a chorus of objections to a plan so ill conceived as to be mistaken for a joke: a half-baked, late bait-and-switch in the 2030 Lakefront Plan placing a giant, ugly, shoreline vista-blocking, segregation-enforcing metal wall to corral the "regular beachgoers" from "private beach owners" in a manner that goes against any remotely thoughtful notions of conservation, aesthetics and access to lakefront views and legally permissible shoreline access established long ago for all the right reasons.

Lloyd Beach improvements should be the template here, not giant metal cattle stalls.

Respectfully,
Sandra DiVarco

From: Frank Weschler
To: Wobig, Loren; Casey, James; reneesnow@illinois.gov
Subject: [External] Winnetka Centennial/Elder beach wall
Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 10:42:18 AM

DEAR IDNR AND ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS,

You're going to see an email that was copied and pasted below as I'm sure you've gotten a bunch of others with similar or even identical language. but this part right here is real. It's coming from one individual - Please don't put up that wall/Metal barrier whatever you want to call it. This village has been exactly that, a village and throughout my lifetime, I have seen compassion and coexistence thrive, undisturbed. by putting up this barrier, two messages are being sent:
1. We're better than you.
2. We can be bought.

Both are disheartening and both I feel would be the beginning of a major divide within this community. Please do not let this be the match stick to the hay bail.

Please. With that said, here's the copy and pasted email - Winnetka has an incredible lakefront, with multiple beaches. We have two laws in Winnetka: one is a 7-foot fence rule which everyone in the village has abided by even those who live on the lake, NO MATTER HOW WEALTHY THEY ARE. EVERYONE has to abide by the law. Secondly, with gorgeous waterfront lake views, we all (citizens of Winnetka) have an unobstructed view of the lake that is 180 degrees. At the meeting of the Park District last night, we had 600 signatures on a petition AGAINST the 13 FOOT fence and most in attendance did not support a 13-foot fence, and NO ONE WANTS A FENCE OVER THE WATER. Just to repeat, we got 600 signatures in a little over 24 hours. WE ALL OWN THE WATER, NOT ONE INDIVIDUAL. ONE PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO INFRINGE ON THE WATERFRONT WITH A 13-FOOT LOUVERED FENCE THAT PROTRUDES 125 FEET!!! THE RIGHTS OF THE LAKE ARE ALL OF OURS. WE DO NOT WANT TO LOOK OUT AT A WALL EVERY TIME WE KAYAK OR GO TO THE LAKE. TODAY WE CAN SEE ALL THE WAY TO GILSON BEACH FROM THE WATER AND IF THIS FENCE IS BUILT, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO. The new proposed fence will: 1. Be grossly oversized at 13 feet and out 125 feet over the water 2. Limit access for all Winnetkan's 3. Limit visibility up and down the lakefront 4. Benefit ONE or TWO people and not all of Winnetka 5. Set precedence that will ruin the lakefront 6. Every other Winnetka on the lake has followed Winnetka's laws and put a 7-foot fence in and no one has put a fence over the water. Please don't start now. 7. NO OTHER MUNICIPALITY HAS THIS, NOT GLENCOE, KENILWORTH, WINNETKA, HIGHLAND PARK, LAKE FOREST, ETC, Have this property owner PUT THE ROCKS OUT LIKE EVERY OTHER HOUSE ON THE LAKE! PLEASE TURN DOWN THE REQUEST FOR SUCH A HORRENDOUS WALL THAT IS GOING TO RUIN OUR PARK AND OUR PARTICULARLY OUR LAKEFRONT. JUST say NO!!!!

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Frank Weschler

From: Amy Bhote
To: Casey, James
Cc: Xerxes Bhote
Subject: [External] Winnetka Centennial/Elder beaches
Date: Sunday, May 29, 2022 11:48:03 AM

Dear IDNR and Army Corp. of Engineers, As a long time [redacted] resident, I am strongly AGAINST the installation of a 13 foot fence around sections of our lakefront and into the water. Winnetka has always had unobstructed views of the lakefront because of our community rules. The lakefront is a treasure for everyone to enjoy and it should not be obstructed.
Thank you, Amy Bhote

A. Bhote

From: Eric Dustman
To: Bayers, Ania; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; croot@winpark.org; Casey, James
Subject: [External] Winnetka Elder / Centennial Beach plan
Date: Thursday, May 19, 2022 12:14:21 PM

Hello,

I am writing to suggest and recommend that an impact review of plans for Elder / Centennial Beach renovations is warranted in advance of approval. In particular, it seems important to examine what would appear to be the effective privatization of public property and access related to the project.

1. The current design appears to block or otherwise prevent pedestrian access to the beach north and south of Park District property (in violation of the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine). At Lloyd beach, for example, there is a passage between the public and private beaches. 2. The louvered steel fence / wall on top of the breakwater is an unprecedented design that walls in the beach and obliterates the current panoramic view both north and south. The top of the steel wall is over thirteen feet above the base elevation near the water which obstructs the view of the shoreline and impedes the ability to freely walk the beach. Proposed tree plantings will be even taller, as high as 20 feet. 3. This design feature, if approved, could set an undesirable precedent that could result in a series of walled-off beaches on public land. This would be inconsistent with historical and desired community resource use. 4. Shoreline erosion protection and bluff preservation can be accomplished without the obstruction contemplated in the current design. **I ask that you please evaluate revision to the plan. More specifically, removing the obstructions (e.g., the steel wall) to allow reasonable passage along the beach is appropriate (similar to that provided at the newly completed Lloyd Beach project).**

I am happy to engage in further dialogue as helpful. Please follow-up on this requested review, and please include me on any general guidance or approvals or changes to the plan.

Reference Centennial/ Elder Lane Beaches, Winnetka, IL (Co-Applicants: Winnetka Park District & Orchard 2020 Trust

Thank you,
Eric Dustman

From: Joan Vatz
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] WINNETKA Elder Beach plan
Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 10:23:28 AM

June 9, 2022

Dear Mr. Casey,
I wish to express my strong opposition to the newly proposed metal wall to be added to the top of the stone wall "improvements" at Elder Lane Beach by the WINNETKA Park Board.

This will not be an improvement - it will block one of our current entrances and it will significantly degrade the already questionable aesthetics of the plan by severely limiting the public view of the lake.

The lake is supposed to be accessible - not only physically, but visually - to the community. Property owners in WINNETKA have already taken away the right of people to walk along the OHWM.
Taking away the right to SEE the lake to the north and south of this little beach is outrageous and wrong.

I hope you will reject these plans in every way possible.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Joan Vatz

Sent from my iPhone

From: Sheila Canmann
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] Winnetka Elder Beach Project
Date: Sunday, May 29, 2022 7:15:04 AM

Hello,

I am a Winnetka resident. Please do not approve the Winnetka beach project, unless they remove the metal bars. It would be a scar on our shoreline!

Thank you,
Sheila Canmann

Sent from my iPhone

From: Cindy Monnig
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] Winnetka Elder Lane /Centennial revised beach design
Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2022 9:41:43 PM

Please do not approve the revised beach design.

1. The current design blocks pedestrian access to the beach north and south of Park District property in violation of the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine.
(At Lloyd beach, there is a passage
between the public and private beaches)

2. The louvered steel fence / wall on top of the breakwater is an unproven design that walls in the beach and obliterates the current panoramic view both north and south. The top of the steel wall is over 13 feet higher than sand elevation near the water which obstructs the view of the shoreline and impedes the ability to freely walk the beach. The tree plantings will be even taller, as high as 20 feet.

3. This design feature, if approved, would set a precedent that could be replicated at other properties along the shore creating a series of walled off private beaches on public land.

4. Shoreline erosion protection and bluff preservation can be accomplished without the downsides of the current design.

5. Please consider revising the plan,
removing the steel wall that was not
approved by taxpaying residents and allowing for passage between the beach similar to what the village provided at newly completed Lloyd beach.

If this land swap hinges on this wall, please walk away from the sale. No one resident should be able to dictate the direction of the beach project solely for their own benefit. Their view will not be affected by this hideous wall, but it will ruin the view for everyone else. This design is a betrayal of all Winnetka residents. You have a responsibility to do better.

Cynthia Monnig
[redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

From: Kelly Conway
To: reneesnow@illinois.gov; Casey, James; Wobig, Loren
Subject: [External] Winnetka Elder Ln / Centennial Beach wall
Date: Sunday, May 29, 2022 10:59:08 PM

To whom it may concern at the IDNR and Army Corp of Engineers,
I would like to state that my family is in opposition to the proposed wall that will be built at Centennial Beach. We have lived in Winnetka for just over 2 years, and a large part of why we chose this village over nearby towns is access to the beauty of Lake Michigan. Our family spends many days and evenings at the beaches in Winnetka, absorbing the views and the abundance of nature that we have access to - thanks to our tax dollars and home costs in this village. The wall does not make sense to us from a structural or cosmetic stand. I also believe that it violates the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine. For these and other reasons, we urgently ask you to reconsider these plans and omit the steel wall.

Thank you,

Kelly Conway

From: Arthur Tokarczyk
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] Winnetka Elder/Centennial beach breakwater walls concern
Date: Thursday, May 26, 2022 9:20:10 PM

Dear Sir:

I live at 303 Sheridan Road in Winnetka, and my property adjoins Elder Lane Park on the north side. I appreciate your work on this and am excited with the proposed upgrades and revitalization of the park and beach, as it seems it will benefit a large portion of the residents. Unfortunately, a recent set of plans including large walls at the border of the beach have me not only concerned, but actually disgusted at the intent and appearance from the mock up pictures. As a result, I am **against** the large walls at the top of the breakwaters.

The walls appear to excessively obstructive the views and passage of pedestrians along the water line, and such seem to be an inappropriate structure given that such structures are not consistent with Illinois Public Trust Doctrine. Additionally, the height of the obstructive walls creates an ugly barrier to the views of the beautiful Winnetka shoreline and proximity would also create a claustrophobic feeling for those on the beach. The can be no benefit to the residents utilizing the public beach for these walls, as the current location of the stone breakwater at the border of public and private property already creates a barrier, but also a more modest fence would accomplish the same purpose without being a similar eyesore.

I would like to also repeat some of the points from other residents of Winnetka:
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In summary, the overall breakwater and beach update appear to be beneficial to the village and its residents, these walls appear to be a significant detriment to the majority of residents of Winnetka, while potentially ruining the appearance of the

beach and views of the beautiful Winnetka Lakeshore. If you have any additional questions or comments, I am available by email or cell phone at [redacted]

Arthur J Tokarczyk, MD, FCCP

From: Xerxes Bhote
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] Winnetka Fence on Lake
Date: Sunday, May 29, 2022 12:18:07 PM

I've recently been informed about. 13' fence a lake neighbor is petitioning for. We are dead against any such structures.

Xerxes K Bhote

From:	Katie Stevens
To:	Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania
Subject:	[External] Winnetka IDNR permit request for the property on the North and South End of Centennial and Elder Lane Beach
Date:	Wednesday, June 1, 2022 1:26:55 PM

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Sent from my iPad

From:	Phoebe Nixon
To:	Phoebe Nixon
Cc:	Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania
Subject:	[External] Winnetka IDNR permit request for the property on the North and South End of Centennial and Elder Lane Beach
Date:	Friday, May 27, 2022 6:34:20 PM

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Phoebe Nixon

From: Pam Coster
To: Casey, James; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania; Wobig, Loren; wpdinfo@winpark.org
Subject: [External] Winnetka IDNR permit request for the property on the north and south ends of Centennial and Elder Lane Beach
Date: Thursday, June 2, 2022 10:42:00 PM

DEAR IDNR AND ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS:

I agree with the comments below written by Nan Greenough with the update that it is now a 900+ person petition. I do not see the necessity for such a massive fence, find it very detrimental to our community whose #1 asset is its beautiful lakeshore, and believe it violates our rights.

Thank you for listening to the grave concerns of the community.

Pam Coster, [redacted]

Nan Greenough's letter:

The proposed metal louvered fence on this Winnetka Park District property troubles me – it's enormous. It seems to be a new element introduced to the formerly approved lake front design without sufficient notice or publicity by the Park District to the residents of Winnetka. Despite Park Board explanations for this fence at its May 26 meeting, there appear to be no compelling reasons to justify its design.

The fence is as intrusive as anything I remember – particularly for blocking the view of the shore line – north and south – from the beach. At the March 24 Park District meeting, a consultant answered that the design is unique and has not been constructed anywhere else on Lake Michigan. This worries me deeply. There

is no way to fix this except to not build it -- or to lower the height substantially and substitute a transparent wrought-iron style fence for the virtually solid-looking louvers.

The proposed blocking of people's ability to walk the shore at the water line (public trust doctrine) takes away people's rights. That's very distressing.

Not only are both of these elements harmful to residents' ability to enjoy the shoreline – for which we pay dearly through our property taxes -- both elements appear to set up negative precedents, not only here in Winnetka but, all over Lake Michigan. Once you say "yes" to one of these projects, many more applications will follow.

A large part of government's job is to balance private rights with public rights. You are changing the balance substantially here and I deeply hope you will decide not to do it. It's not about one project and one property owner. It's also about a precedent that affects the lake shore everywhere.

Based on public reaction (including a 600+-person petition) once this project got publicized, there is no public support for the metal louvers nor the loss of the right to walk the lake shore at the water line. This conversation is about all of us and our collective rights as tax-paying citizens. Please don't approve these elements of this project.

From:	Christine Cole
To:	Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Anja
Subject:	[External] Winnetka IDNR permit request for the property on the North and South End of Centennial and Elder Lane Beach
Date:	Wednesday, June 1, 2022 10:05:57 PM

I just learned today that the Winnetka Park District has approved or is likely to approve the swapping of a piece of Park District land for a property owned by a private citizen which is conditioned on allowing this individual to construct a 13 ft high fence on his lakefront property that will extend across the beach and into the water. This is a violation of existing Winnetka laws regarding fence height and also not obstructing the ability of others to walk across the beach. Owners of lakefront property do not own the lake in front of their home - it is to be enjoyed by all citizens - and they cannot restrict access to walking across the beach. This proposal is a violation of both.

I have heard two things about this situation that are troubling to me. I acknowledge that this may be hearsay and I have not had time to research whether this is in fact the case. One, supposedly a number of IL elected officials wrote letters in support of this project, but their endorsement should not be a consideration in this case. They do not live in Winnetka and they are not endorsing something that is in the public interest. Rather they are supporting a very wealthy person's effort to get special treatment when everyone else, including many other wealthy families in the Village, have abided by the rules. Secondly, the Park District, rather than reaching out to the community at large to seek community input, has pushed this effort through to accomplish a goal of having two adjacent pieces of park property rather than two pieces separated by a private property in between without giving adequate consideration to the broader implications of making such a deal which required allowing variances from long-standing laws that negatively impact the community as a whole.

Approving this proposal sets a terrible precedent. How does one approve this request for a fence of this height on a lakefront property which will extend down to and into the lake and then say no to the next rich person(s) when they want to do something similar for their homes. The City of Chicago and the lakefront suburbs have done a great job over many years of protecting the lakefront as an asset to be enjoyed by all of its citizens. I hope you will continue this tradition and vote No on this proposal. If the City of Chicago can say no to George Lucas when he wanted to build a Star Wars museum on the lakefront, you can say no to one billionaire in Winnetka.

Thank you for your consideration.

Christine Cole

[redacted]

From: Katie Stevens
To: Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania
Subject: [External] Winnetka IDNR permit request for the property on the North and South End of Centennial and Elder Lane Beach
Date: Friday, May 27, 2022 5:05:04 PM

THIS IS WHO WE WRITE TO AS THEY ARE DECIDING BY JUNE 2ND, NEXT THURSDAY!

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KATIE STEVENS

[redacted]

From:	Elisha Gray
To:	Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania; Kessen, James
Cc:	Nina Gray
Subject:	[External] Winnetka IDNR permit request for the property on the North and South End of Centennial and Elder Lane Beach
Date:	Thursday, June 9, 2022 10:27:25 AM

Dear IDNR officials:

This email addresses our concerns about the proposed "wall" on the sides of the Elder-Centennial beachfront park in Winnetka, IL.

Unless one is on the new walkway, it would be difficult to see an expanse of beach and water. Going to the beach should not be an experience of being closed in as at a pool. It is the experience of feeling free and playful, of sight, smell and space. That is what natural resources means. We feel the aesthetic aspects should not be overlooked. We do not want our beaches to be a series of walls.

We respectfully request that you deny a permit for the Winnetka Park District to construct a barrier of any sort into the lake at the above mentioned park locations.

If the land swap with Mr. Ishbia cannot be accomplished without his condition of erecting a wall, then we feel the park district should reject this arrangement. Let's wait for a better opportunity when the property south of Elder Park becomes available again. We've seen the property change hands before so this is NOT a once in a lifetime opportunity.

We request, respectfully, that you take into account the many comments opposing the "wall" and reject the beach wall idea in favor of an esthetic thoughtful open approach for everyone to enjoy Lake Michigan.

Regards,

Elisha and Nina Gray

40+ year residents of [redacted]

[redacted]

From: George Walper
To: Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee
Subject: [External] Winnetka IDNR permit request- North and South End of Centennial and Elder Lane Beach
Date: Saturday, May 28, 2022 9:21:47 AM

Good Morning,

I am writing to request that the Illinois Department of Natural Resources reject the Winnetka Park District's request to build a 13 foot wall extending into Lake Michigan as part of their planned Elder and Centennial beach's project.

There does not appear to any environmental reason for this request nor is it consistent with any beachfront properties along the shore in Winnetka, Kenilworth, Wilmette or Glencoe. This would create an obstructed view of Lake Michigan from public property. If this is to control an environmental issue than I believe there are other options that would mostly be below water levels.

Thank you and I urge you to reject this request.

George Walper

From: Debbie Shonfeld
To: reneesnow@illinois.gov; Wobig, Loren; Casey, James
Subject: [External] Winnetka Lake front
Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 10:53:09 AM

To IDNR and Army Corp of Engineers,

Please turn down the request for the new 13 foot metal wall as part of the Elder beach (winnetka IL) revised beach plan.

It is not reasonable to block access of the view/water front to all Winnetka residents for the benefit of one or two residents, especially as individual property owners do not own the water. In addition it's a terrible precedent as it opens up the possibility to a metal wall on each and every property along the lake front. No other municipalities allow this type of wall and winnekta does not currently have one either.

I urge you to vote NO on the wall. Keep the lake front natural looking and use boulders for any barrier.

Debbie Shonfeld

From: cdallmeyer
To: reneesnow@illinois.gov; Wobig, Loren; Casey, James
Subject: [External] winnetka lakefront wall
Date: Saturday, May 28, 2022 11:12:49 PM

DEAR IDNR AND ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS:

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Sincerely,
Cynthia I. Dallmeyer

From: Sherry Molitor
To: Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; ania.bayers@illinois.gove
Subject: [External] Winnetka Lakefront
Date: Saturday, May 28, 2022 6:34:42 PM

I am writing on behalf omy family of 6. We have lived in [redacted] for 28 years at [redacted] and are all opposed to building the metal wall at the lakefront.
1. The current design blocks pedestrian access to the beach north and south of Park District property in violation of the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine. (At Lloyd beach, there is a passage between the public and private beaches) 2. The louvered steel fence / wall on top of the breakwater is an unproven design that walls in the beach and obliterates the current panoramic view both north and south. The top of the steel wall is over 13 feet higher than sand elevation near the water which obstructs the view of the shoreline and impedes the ability to freely walk the beach. The tree plantings will be even taller, as high as 20 feet. 3. This design feature, if approved, would set a precedent that could be replicated at other properties along the shore creating a series of walled off private beaches on public land. 4. Shoreline erosion protection and bluff preservation can be accomplished without the downsides of the current design.

Thank you for your service and consideration.

Best,

Sherry Molitor

From: Susan Chait
To: reneesnow@illinois.gov; Wobig, Loren; Casey, James
Subject: [External] Winnetka Lakefront
Date: Saturday, May 28, 2022 1:06:07 PM

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From: Marc Hecht
To: Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania; contact@robyngabel.com; Soren.G.Hall@usace.army.mil
Subject: [External] Winnetka Park District – Proposed Steel Barrier on Elder-Centennial Beach
Date: Thursday, June 2, 2022 3:12:39 PM

Dear Commissioners and Representative Gable:

Please take whatever steps you can to stop the proposed plan by the Winnetka Park District to erect a Steel Barrier, or anything similar, on Elder-Centennial Beaches in Winnetka.

The entire project, and particularly the proposed Steel Barrier, cries out for careful review by the Army Corps of Engineers and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

I could go on and on, but the many reasons to stop this travesty, which was effectively hidden from the Winnetka public until last week, are spelled-out in the public petition that you've all received.

Very truly yours, Marc Hecht

MARC L. HECHT
[redacted]

From: Amy Pol
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] Winnetka Park District Beach Plan
Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 4:21:26 PM

Dear James,

I am writing to you today to express my opposition to the most recent version of the Winnetka Park District's Elder/Centennial 2020 Beachfront Plan and to ask your help in stopping it from becoming a reality. The current version of the Elder/Centennial Beachfront Plan was recently submitted to the IDNR and the Army Core of Engineers for approval. I hope after reading this letter you too will see why it would be a tragic mistake to approve the plan as is.

The original Winnetka Park District/Centennial Plan was thoughtfully developed after considerable community input. The plan united 2 beaches, protected and restored the beachfront, and afforded breathtaking views of and access to the waterfront for the public to enjoy. That plan has been significantly altered and has been submitted for approval to the agencies listed above without input from or approval by the tax paying residents of Winnetka. The new plan includes the significant addition of a continuous metal louvered fence attached to rocks towering over beach goers on either end of the beach. The new fence/wall runs from the bluff to the breakwater- making both views over and access through the barricade impossible. The open beach we have now and assumed we would in the new plan, has been "swapped" for a completely fenced in beach -a move that has never been seen before on the North Shore of Chicago.

I believe that the introduction of towering walls on both ends of the beach has been done to benefit the adjacent private landowner who initiated a land swap that made the combination of the 2 parks possible. By introducing a towering barricade on the beach, the Park District is in essence building a privacy wall for the adjacent land over, and denying tax paying residents views of and access to the public shoreline. The language of the Land Swap document confirms that the owner has significant input in the design process. At a May 26, 2022 Board meeting, the Winnetka Park District admitted the design changes were borne from the land owners request. In that the land swap hasn't happened to date, it would appear that the private land owner has leverage over the Park District. As a tax paying citizen, this entire process is wrong.

I believe that:

- It is in the best interest of the public to have continued access to beaches with unobstructed views.
- As it stands, the wall-fence design appears to be a violation of the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine.

- This plan could set dangerous precedent along the lakefront in Illinois. None of us want to see our shoreline divided into enclosed private enclaves with towering walls.
- The Park District of Winnetka can do better – they need to come up with a Plan B that better serves the needs of current and future public beach goers.

As of today, over 1,000 people have signed a petition to ask the Winnetka Park district to take a collective pause to come up with a better solution for the Community.

Time is of the essence. Public comment ends on June 2nd. Please do what you can to stop the proposals from going through. We need to protect Lake Michigan's Shoreline for all to enjoy.

Sincerely,

Amy Polachek

[redacted]

From:	Kathy
To:	Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania; Soren.G.Hall@usace.army.mil
Cc:	contact@robyngabel.com
Subject:	[External] Winnetka Park District Steel Wall Application to the IDNR - Centennial and Elder Beachfront - Public Comment deadline June 2
Date:	Wednesday, June 1, 2022 7:27:27 AM

Dear IDNR Representatives:

Please register our opposition to the Steel Wall Application at Centennial and Elder Beach. As lakefront residents, we understand the conditions that occur as a result of the changing conditions of Lake Michigan. We complied with all permits and built a breakwater to protect our beach and bluff. As a result, our beach is still accessible to walkers, and the natural stone we used does not obstruct any views. The proposed wall at Elder and Centennial Beaches is excessive, benefits only one homeowner, and is an imposition on other residents who want to enjoy the lakefront.

We ask that you please reject this application as the desire of one resident should not prevail over the vast majority.

Many thanks. Bill and Kathy Jackson

From:	janbawden[redacted]
To:	Casey, James; Woblo, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania; Soren.G.Hall@usace.army.mil
Cc:	contact@robyngabel.com
Subject:	[External] Winnetka Park District Steel Wall Application to the IDNR - Centennial and Elder Beachfront - Public Comment deadline June 2
Date:	Monday, May 30, 2022 1:41:59 PM
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Dear IDNR Representative;

I understand you are reviewing the proposal for the renovation of the Lake Michigan lakefront submitted by the Winnetka Park District. I urge you to deny this application. I do not do this lightly. There are a number of issues in play with this proposal, and although it creates a beautiful beach for Winnetka, it does a disservice to the rest of the communities along the lakefront, and creates a dangerous precedent.

1. The top of the louvered steel wall is more than 9.5 feet higher than the sand elevation near the water. This obstructs the view of the shoreline and impedes the ability to freely walk the beach. The plantings proposed to help hide the structure will be even taller, as high as 20 feet.
2. As I understand it, this design is unproven. Because it extends far out into the water, does it impede the natural flow of water or wildlife? It definitely forces kayaks and canoes further into deep waters where our community has suffered several deaths in recent years.
3. The iron fencing is very environmentally "unfriendly." And seems much more of a privacy screen for a private resident than it does an addition to a healthy beach environment or better yet, bluff restoration.

I am a resident of Winnetka, and frankly, this wall embarrasses me. This is not who we are. Lake Michigan is for everyone. We love our beachfront, but we cherish our relationships with our neighboring communities, and this is a visual and environmental assault. Also, as a past Winnetka Environmental and Forestry Commissioner, I can assure you shoreline erosion protection and bluff preservation are always top-of-mind. This does nothing for either of those issues, and in fact, can potentially lead to disastrous consequences if the precedent set encourages other lakefront residents to do likewise.

I've included a copy of the renderings from the consultant working on the project. The design has been "dressed up" with plantings, but this is the underlying structure. Please do not approve this plan.

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SOUTH BREAKWATER | LOUVER SCREEN

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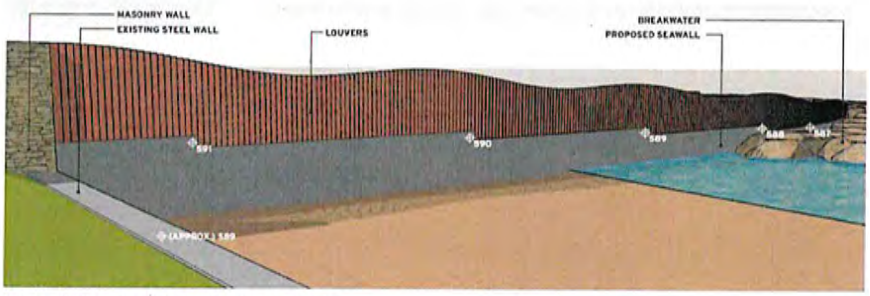

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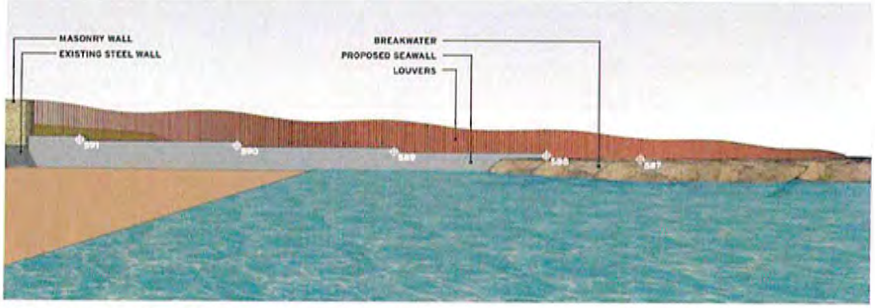

FIGURE 2: VIEW LOOKING NORTHWEST FROM ORCHARD 2020 BEACH

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Thank you for your time.
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From:	Vicki Apatoff
To:	Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania; Soren.G.Hall@usace.army.mil
Cc:	contact@robyngabel.com
Subject:	[External] Winnetka Park District Steel Wall Application to the IDNR - Centennial and Elder Beachfront - Public Comment deadline June 2
Date:	Monday, May 30, 2022 12:20:41 PM
Attachments:	Louvered Wall NE view Centennial elder.png Louvered wall NW view Centennial Elder.png

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Dear IDNR reps-
Please deny the application for the addition of a steel wall from the Winnetka Park District. This will not affect just Winnetka, but all of the communities that reside on Lake Michigan and all Illinois residents who enjoy the beauty and recreation at the beachfront.

The louvered steel fence / wall from the toe of the bluff traveling on the border boundaries of the parks and then on top of the stone breakwater was not part of the 2030 Waterfront Plan, was not communicated to the public until recently, and is an unproven design that will wall in the beach and obliterate the current panoramic view both north and south of the Lake front.

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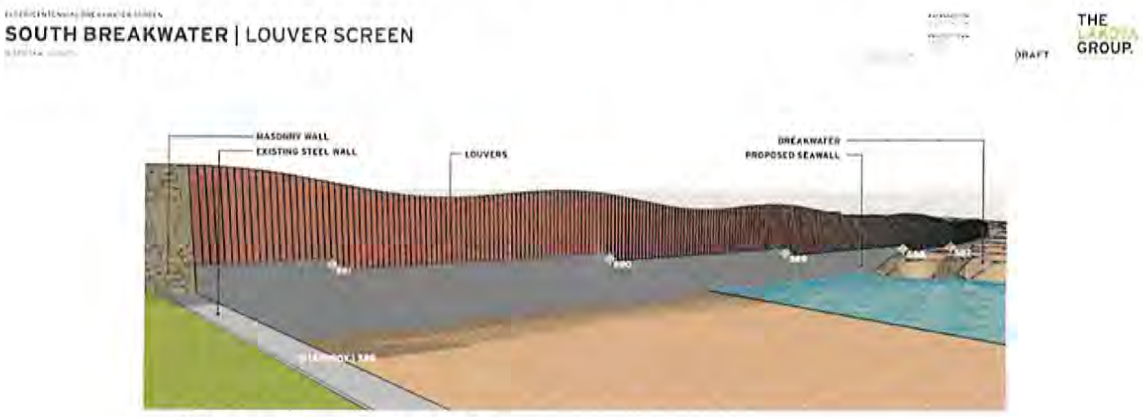
3. This beach, in a cage design, if approved, would set a precedent that could be replicated at other properties along the shore creating a series of walled off fortresses extending onto and blocking access to public land. The effort by private riparian owners to attempt to privatize public beach land is wrong and should not be permitted by the agency.
4. Shoreline erosion protection and bluff preservation can be accomplished without the downsides of the current design. Also, the applicants did not offer less restrictive alternatives to this beach in a cage concept.

In case you have not seen the design, here are two renderings from the consultant working on the project. I hope you will agree that this project has no place on our public beaches.



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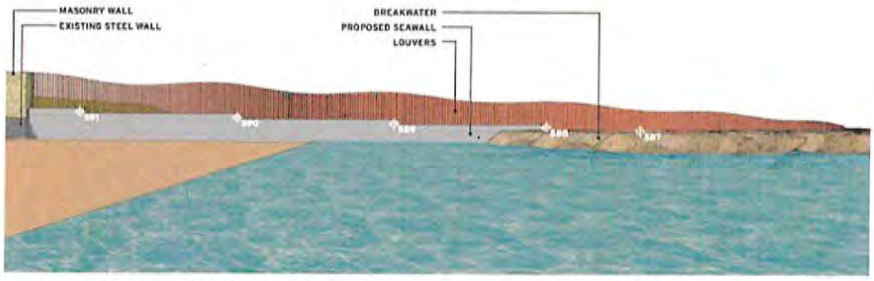

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NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

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Thank you for your time and I hope you have a very Happy Memorial Day Weekend.
Vicki Apatoff

From:	Sandra Berger
To:	Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania; Soren.G.Hall@usace.army.mil
Cc:	contact@robyngabel.com
Subject:	[External] Winnetka Park District Steel Wall Application to the IDNR - Centennial and Elder Beachfront - Public Comment deadline June 2
Date:	Monday, May 30, 2022 6:07:14 PM
Importance:	High

To the IDNR representatives and Army Corps of Engineers:

I am opposed to the 13 foot louvered steel fence and hope that you deny the application for the request for this fence at the Centennial Beach front from the Winnetka Park District. This fence not only affects Winnetka residents, but all of the communities that reside on Lake Michigan and all Illinois residents who enjoy the beauty and recreation at the beachfront. Without sufficient advance notice, a few residents were able to obtain 600 signatures on a petition opposing the construction of this 13 foot fence that was presented to the Commissioners at the May 26, 2022 Park District Board Meeting. The public should have been better engaged with this potential project before their application was made to the regulatory agencies.

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3. The beach with this type of design, would set a precedent that could be replicated at other properties along the lakeshore. This will likely create a series of walled off private properties that are adjacent to public land and will block access to public beaches. The effort by private homeowners to try to privatize public beach land is wrong and self-serving and should not be permitted by the regulatory agencies.
4. Shoreline erosion protection and bluff preservation can be accomplished without the downsides of the current design. It appears that the applicants did not offer less restrictive alternatives to this beach that would better serve the public interest.

Thank you for your consideration, Sandy Berger

Sandra Berger

From: Lisa Garrison
To: Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania; Soren.G.Hall@usace.army.mil; contact@robyngabel.com
Subject: [External] Winnetka Park District's Elder/Centennial 2020 Beachfront Plan
Date: Thursday, June 2, 2022 10:33:12 AM

Dear Representatives,

Please accept this letter as my opposition to the Winnetka Park District's Elder/Centennial 2020 Beachfront Plan.

The original plan was significantly altered after its approval by the residents. The alteration includes the addition of a metal louvered fence attached to rocks towering over beach

goers, making both views over and access through the barricade impossible.

We believe this has been done to benefit the adjacent private landowner giving priority to privacy concerns. At a May 26, 2022 Board meeting, the Winnetka Park District admitted

the design changes were borne from the landowners request.

This land owner is also involved in a land swap, which gives them leverage over the Park District.

It is in the best interest of the public to have continued access to beaches with unobstructed views.

We believe this plan could set dangerous precedent along the lakefront in Illinois.

As it stands, it appears to be a violation of the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine.

A handful of politicians approved this plan without seeing the current modifications.

As of today, more than 1000 people have signed a petition to ask the Winnetka Park district to take a collective pause to come up with a better solution for the Community.

Please decline the current proposal as is. We need to protect Lake Michigan's Shoreline for all to enjoy.

Sincerely,

Lisa Garrison

From: Joyce
To: Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania; contact@robyngabel.com; wpdinfo@winpark.org
Cc: Dr. M.J. Jiaras
Subject: [External] Winnetka South Breakwater Louver Screen Wall
Date: Monday, June 6, 2022 11:11:20 AM

I am greatly opposed to the Louver Screen Wall proposed for Elder and Centennial Beaches.

We have lived at [redacted] for 20 years. Over the years, we enjoyed an inordinate amount of time at Elder Beach with our son and friends.. I find it sort of shocking that I only learned of this proposal through social media versus through the Village.

While I may not understand all of the particulars, I do feel this will destroy the beauty of the north shore beaches. As I understand it, this benefits a private individual as part of a land swap versus the public at large. Not only is the wall extremely unsightly….it sets a very bad precedent.

Please reconsider this proposal.

Best,
Joyce

From: Katharine Altholz
To: Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania; contact@robyngabel.com
Subject: [External] Winnetka Waterfront Lakefront Master Plan- Opposition
Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 4:03:00 PM

Dear IDNR representatives & local representatives ,

I am writing you today to express my opposition to the most recent version of the Winnetka Park District's Elder/Centennial 2020 Beachfront Plan and to ask your help in stopping it from becoming a reality. The current version of the Elder/Centennial Beachfront Plan was recently submitted to the IDNR and the Army Core of Engineers for approval. I hope after reading this letter you too will see why it would be a tragic mistake to approve the plan as is.

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We believe that:

- It is in the best interest of the public to have continued access to beaches with unobstructed views.
- As it stands, the wall-fence design appears to be a violation of the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine.
- This plan could set dangerous precedent along the lakefront in Illinois. None of us want to see our shoreline divided into enclosed private enclaves with towering walls.
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Sincerely,
Jamie & Katharine Altholz

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From: Cindy Campbell
To: Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania; Soren.G.Hall@usace.army.mil
Cc: contact@robyngabel.com
Subject: [External] Winnetka Waterfront Master plan
Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 7:46:17 AM

IDNR reps
I have lived in Winnetka all my life!!!
Please deny the application for the addition of a steel wall from the Winnetka Park District. This will not affect just Winnetka, but all of the communities that reside on Lake Michigan and all Illinois residents who enjoy the beauty and recreation at the beachfront.

The louvered steel fence / wall from the toe of the bluff traveling on the border boundaries of the parks and then on top of the stone breakwater was not part of the 2030 Waterfront Plan, was not communicated to the public until recently, and is an unproven design that will wall in the beach and obliterate the current panoramic view both north and south of the Lake front.

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4. Shoreline erosion protection and bluff preservation can be accomplished without the downsides of the current design. Also, the applicants did not offer less restrictive alternatives to this beach in a cage concept.

Thank you,

Cindy Campbell

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From: Don Campbell
To: Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania; Soren.G.Hall@usace.army.mil
Cc: contact@robyngabel.com
Subject: [External] Winnetka Waterfront Master plan
Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 7:13:09 AM

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Thank you,

Don Campbell

[redacted]

From: Laura H.
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] Winnetka Waterfront Plan
Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 7:47:24 PM

Dear Mr. Casey,

Please vote against Winnetka's proposed Waterfront Master Plan, which plans on building 13 foot steel walls around some of the beaches. This is illegal, ruins the view of the beach front for Winnetka residents and beach visitors, could be detrimental to wildlife, has not been done by any other nearby villages and apparently is being done to cater to the wishes of wealthy homeowners who desire a private beach front. Illinois residents, no mater their income, deserve to be able to walk along beaches and enjoy our beautiful Lake Michigan. Thank you,

Laura Hill
[redacted]

From: debbie ross
To: Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Bayers, Ania; Snow, Renee; contact@robyngabel.com; nrdcinfo@nrdc.org; nrdcaction@nrdc.org
Subject: [External] Winnetka waterfront plans
Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 9:24:56 PM

Dear Illinois Leaders and Protectors of Public Trust Doctrine,

First, on this Memorial Day as we honor our nation's heroes, I honor you for serving. Leading is challenging, especially when you see things your constituents do not and you disagree. Public debate keeps our democracy healthy, but makes your job harder. Thank you for hanging in there through the hard times.

I bring to your attention today, a matter where our leaders in Winnetka are not seeing things from a broader perspective.

I write to strongly urge you to intervene in an egregious overstep by the Winnetka Park District Board in not actively seeking or responding to public opinion on this matter, which will set a bad precedent on a number of levels:
- costly repurposing of already serene, effective set of public spaces
- eliminating Winnetka's only dog park
- secretive details surrounding a complex land swap that has hidden costs environmentally and fiscally
- a small group of relatively new residents on the Park District Board who lack the historic perspective on how Winnetka residents utilize our beaches and parks; so are uninformed by confusing data on actual beach usage by residents and nonresidents alike - both groups are far from fully utilizing the beaches and parks Winnetka has been fortunate to support for decades

I am on record at speaking up at the highly charged, poorly facilitated meeting re: the demise of Winnetka's one and only dog park in Winnetka at Centennial. The Park Board has corrupted the democratic process of listening and responding to public outcry and now our beachfront will suffer. And the Winnetka Park District Board has not publicly shared details of this project or status updates with accuracy in an attempt to rush a project through during the pandemic, which seriously hindered the public review and debate. Why the rush????

I support everything shared below by "Your Winnetka - Working for All Winnetka" newsletter - after the recent meeting:
"Citing the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine (landmarked here), among other points, Thursday night's attendees, including a 17-year veteran of the Winnetka Park Board, a former Winnetka Village Trustee and a prominent Northwestern University Civil and Environmental Engineering Professor, echoed the public comments:

- Bad precedent. Does a single resident get to wall off his property beyond the beach, into the water? No other home along the beachfront has been granted such an exception.

- Winnetka's beaches aren't for sale. They belong to the public, regardless of the opportunity to connect the beaches.

- Short-sighted solution. The steel wall would block the public views from both the north and south.

- Public vs private interests. The Park Board, as a representative of the taxpayers, needs to balance the public interest over the interests of one individual.

- Short-term solution vs long-term benefit. For more than 100 years, it's been two parks, two beaches. The chance to connect them is nice, but at what cost? If the deal for the land swap doesn't go through, we can live with it for another 100.

When one of the Board called a motion to stick in the clutch and revisit the Plan, no one seconded. So now it's your turn."

In our country right now, we see how our leaders need to hear from constituents so they support and enforce sound policy and decision-making. Please help Winnetka be a village that supports the voice of the many and our precious land and water while preventing the powerful few from dominating decision-making behind closed doors.

Sincerely
Debbie and Jeff Ross

From: Gerry
To: Wobig, Loren; Casey, James; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania
Cc: contact@robyngabel.com; repfine@gmail.com; wpinfo@winpark.org
Subject: [External] Winnetka Waterfront Project-
Date: Monday, May 30, 2022 12:31:13 PM

Good afternoon,

After reviewing the plans for the extended breakwaters including the high steel wall which would block water access and views to the north and south vista's, I am very surprised this proposal has gone this far. It is one of kind and is not in the best interest of the community. **I am opposed to the plan as it stands today.**

I would ask for this project to be paused, reevaluated , allow community voices to be heard and determine if this project complies with all federal, state and maritime laws.

I appreciate the difficulty of this situation and thank you for your service.

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Sent from Mail for Windows

From: Brandie Malay Siavelis
To: Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania; contact@robyngabel.com; info@illinoispolicy.org; contactcouncil@winnetka.org
Subject: [External] Winnetka Waterfront
Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 8:59:03 PM

Good evening representatives-

My name is Brandie Siavelis and my husband and I have been residents o[redacted] or over a decade along with our children ([redacted]).

I find it disheartening that it seems like a back room "sweetheart deal" was made between our village, park district, elected representative officials and a lone homeowner on the lake. Where is the precedent for this transaction? https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/bq9DCZ6nZrTzZpAmHXcqMj?domain=r20.rs6.net Why are huge private ugly metal walls being built for the homeowner's privacy? Why are we losing the much loved dog beach (which is one of the reasons we reside in our village)? All the upside seems to be in favor of the owner of the lakefront property. Where is the constituent demand for this transaction? Was there a survey sent out to the village that we missed? Help us understand how this is a "win" for our village because it seems like it's almost all downside for the residents of Winnetka.

Please do not let this project move forward.

Sincerely,

Brandie Malay Siavelis ABR, ASP

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From: Gerry
To: croot@winpark.org; Soren.G.Hall@usace.army.mil; Casey, James
Cc: Bayers, Ania; Snow, Renee; Wobig, Loren
Subject: [External] Winnetka, Elder-Centennial Park Beach Modification
Date: Thursday, May 19, 2022 8:16:31 AM

Good Morning,

I have recently become aware of the Winnetka Park Districts proposed changes to the beach and extended break water into Lake Michigan. As a Winnetka home owner, I believe this project should be put on hold until further public comment can be secured.

Here are some comments that have been shared with me.

1. The current design blocks pedestrian access to the beach north and south of Park District property in violation of the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine. (At Lloyd beach, there is a passage between the public and private beaches)

2. The louvered steel fence / wall on top of the breakwater is an unproven design that walls in the beach and obliterates the current panoramic view both north and south. The top of the steel wall is over 13 feet higher than sand elevation near the water which obstructs the view of the shoreline and impedes the ability to freely walk the beach. The tree plantings will be even taller, as high as 20 feet.

3. This design feature, if approved, would set a precedent that could be replicated at other properties along the shore creating a series of walled off private beaches on public land.

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5. **Please consider revising the plan, removing the steel wall that was not approved by taxpaying residents and allowing for passage between the beach similar to what the village provided at newly completed Lloyd beach.**

Gerald Corcoran

[redacted]

From: Lynn Jackson
To: Casey, James; Wobig, Loren; Snow, Renee; Bayers, Ania
Subject: [External] Winnetka, Il Beach Renovation Project – Revised Wall/Fencing Plan
Date: Friday, May 27, 2022 12:49:18 PM

To the Illinois Department of Natural Resources,

I would like to strongly object to Winnetka's recently revised beach design plans. We were just informed that the plans now include a 13-foot wall/fence that not only runs on the three sides of the beach but also extends significantly into the water. I believe this design element is totally inappropriate for several reasons:

1) It blocks pedestrian access to the beach north and south of the park district property, which is in violation of the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine. People are entitled to walk the entire Lake Michigan waterfront unobstructed as long as they are on the public access portion. This wall would prohibit this.

2) This wall would set a TERRIBLE precedent for private homeowners up and down the Illinois shoreline. It will only be a matter of a few years before Illinois' shore becomes a series of privately owned beaches, further catering to the wealthy at the expense of the entire community and state.

3) It obliterates the current panoramic views both south and north.

If shoreline erosion protection and bluff preservation is the goal, there are other ways to do this without erecting a barrier such as this. Please do not allow this last minute modification to go forward.

Lynn Jackson

[redacted]

From: ellen
To: reneesnow@illinois.gov; Wobig, Loren; Casey, James
Cc: Tom Robison
Subject: [External] Winnetka: planned Public Trust Doctrine violation
Date: Sunday, May 29, 2022 7:50:43 AM

DEAR IDNR AND ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS:, Winnetka has an incredible lakefront, with multiple beaches. We have two laws in Winnetka: one is a 7 foot fence rule which everyone in the village has abided by even those who live on the lake, NO MATTER HOW WEALTHY THEY ARE. EVERYONE has to abide by the law. Secondly, with gorgeous waterfront lake views, we all (citizens of Winnetka) have an unobstructed view of the lake that is 180 degrees. At the meeting of the Park District last night, we had 600 signatures on a petition AGAINST the 13 FOOT fence and most in attendance that did not support a 13 foot fence, and NO ONE WANTS A FENCE OVER THE WATER. Just to repeat, we got 600 signature in a little over 24 hours. WE ALL OWN THE WATER, NOT ONE INDIVIDUAL. ONE PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO INFRINGE ON THE WATERFRONT WITH A 13 FOOT LOUVERED FENCE THAT PROTRUDES 125 FEET!!! THE RIGHTS OF THE LAKE ARE ALL OF OURS. WE DO NOT WANT TO LOOK OUT AT A WALL EVERY-TIME WE KAYAK OR GO TO THE LAKE. TODAY WE CAN SEE ALL THE WAY TO GILSON BEACH FROM THE WATER AND IF THIS FENCE IS BUILT, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO. The new proposed fence will: 1. Be grossly oversized at 13 feet and out 125 feet over the water 2. Limit access for all Winnetkan's 3. Limit visibility up and down the lakefront 4. Benefit ONE or TWO people and not all of Winnetka 5. Set a precedence that will ruin the lakefront 6. Every other Winnetkan on the lake has followed Winnetka's laws and put a 7 foot fence in and no one has put a fence over the water. Please don't start now. 7. NO OTHER MUNICIPALITY HAS THIS, NOT GLENCOE, KENILWORTH, WINNETKA, HIGHLAND PARK, LAKE FOREST, ETC, Have this property owner PUT THE ROCKS OUT LIKE EVERY OTHER HOUSE ON THE LAKE! PLEASE TURN DOWN THE REQUEST FOR SUCH A HORRENDOUS WALL THAT IS GOING TO RUIN OUR PARK AND OUR PARTICULARLY OUR LAKEFRONT.

And set a horrendous precedent. Protect our lake and protect our citizens.

Ellen Mardock

[redacted]

From: Karen Essig
To: Casey, James
Subject: [External] Winnetka's beaches
Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 1:14:47 PM

Dear Mr. Casey

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Sincerely,
Karen Essig

Name	City	State	Postal Cod	Country	Signed On
John R	Winnetka	IL		US	5/25/2022
James Rauh	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Mary Pat Fahy	Winnetka	IL	60015	US	5/25/2022
Patricia Amez	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Steve Schmidt	Chicago	IL	60091	US	5/25/2022
Alice Read	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Judy Rauh	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Julie Fleps	Evanston	IL	60201	US	5/25/2022
Ankur Joshi	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Elena Rechtin	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Tom Eilers	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Lisa Garrison	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Christine Souferis	Chicago	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
John Root	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Karle McLaughlin	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Richard Coasby	Wilmette	IL	60091	US	5/25/2022
STEPHANIE HERATY	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
David McHugh	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Laura Sorensen	WINNETKA	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Karen Behles	Evanston	IL	60201	US	5/25/2022
Harriet McDonald	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Peter Fleps	Evanston	IL	60201	US	5/25/2022
Allen Welch	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Barbara Rittenhouse	Chicago	IL	60644	US	5/25/2022
Kimberley Marsh	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Sharp Sorensen	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Samuel Coffey	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Peggy Coffee	Glencoe	IL	60022	US	5/25/2022
Cynthia Monnig	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Chris Macey	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Jennifer Eilers	Chicago	IL	60638	US	5/25/2022
Justine Hourihane	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Annie Flanagan	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Janeen Savage	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
James McLaughlin	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Stephanie Tokarczyk	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Kathryn Leister	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Carl Lane	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Jennie Pastor	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Ann Taylor	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Elizabeth Parkinson	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Andrew Parkinson	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Mary Douglass Brown	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Brenna Nichols	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Lindsay Dewis	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Erin Lampe	Wisconsin	WI	53122	US	5/25/2022

Rebecca Ferguson	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Linda Weber	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Sarah Sims	Miami	FL	33146	US	5/25/2022
Cassandra Bayna	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Patrick Ruane	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Anne McGovern	Wilmette	IL	60654	US	5/25/2022
Lisa White	Winnetka	IL		US	5/25/2022
Peter Hoyt	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Lori Nielsen	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Lisa Cochrane	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Anne Madden	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Stephanie Gaffin	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Peter Eck	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
julia Burnett	Kenilworth	IL	60043	US	5/25/2022
Catherine Nowacki	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Amy Kay	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Laurie Petersen	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Corinne Evans	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Caitlin Eck	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
James Nowacki	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Elyse Hahner	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Jenna Griffin	Wilmette	IL	60091	US	5/25/2022
Marie DeLean	Chicago	IL	60602	US	5/25/2022
Elyse Hoekstra	Denver	CO	80206	US	5/25/2022
Judith Kehoe	Highland Park	IL	60035	US	5/25/2022
Linda Hoekstra	Vicksburg	MI	49097	US	5/25/2022
Jessica Howard	Highland Park	IL	60035	US	5/25/2022
Hilary Fedorinchik	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Phil Griffin	Wilmette	IL	60091	US	5/25/2022
Susan Curry	Win	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Rene Nelson	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Cheryl Evert	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Patrick Heraty	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Kristin Braeseke	Wilmette	IL	60091	US	5/25/2022
Susan Curry	Winnekta	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Elizabeth Stucker	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Jay Ferguson	Chicago	IL	60527	US	5/25/2022
Joan Keller-Evanich	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Brandon Hoekstra	Tampa	FL	33647	US	5/25/2022
Nan Greenough	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
katerina campbell	winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Susan McGill	Lake Forest	IL	60045	US	5/25/2022
Karen Proskurovsky	Chicago	IL	60614	US	5/25/2022
Maryann Burke	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Jennifer Parkinson	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Sue Hartemayer	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Cindy Benes	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022

Elizabeth Cittadine	Chicago	IL	60043 US	5/25/2022
Mara Foster	Chicago	IL	60608 US	5/25/2022
Irene Smith	Deerfield	IL	60015 US	5/25/2022
Melissa Vega	Philadelphia	PA	19134 US	5/25/2022
Lauren Pravetz	Highland Park	IL	60035 US	5/25/2022
Dorothy Szczepaniak	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/25/2022
Katherine Burke	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/25/2022
julie stracks	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/25/2022
Gussie August	Highland Park	IL	60035 US	5/25/2022
Franco Lombardi	Winnetka	NY	10023 US	5/25/2022
Susan Cranmer	Searcy	AR	72143 US	5/25/2022
Philip Enquist	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/25/2022
Danielle Seaman	Benton Harbor	MI	49022 US	5/25/2022
Kate Brower	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/25/2022
Kevin Evanich	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/25/2022
Christine Schanen	Charlotte	NC	28212 US	5/25/2022
Greenwood Judy	Jacksonville	FL	32211 US	5/25/2022
Liza Michaels	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/25/2022
Emilee Wolfe	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/25/2022
Claudia Montana	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/25/2022
Audra Schlegel	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/25/2022
Patricia Sutton	Highland Park	IL	60035 US	5/25/2022
Lee Bechtold	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/25/2022
Colleen Burke	Winnetka	IL	60091 US	5/25/2022
Caroline F	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/25/2022
Gina Gooden	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/25/2022
Lucia Baldini	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/25/2022
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Lynne Molthen	Oak Creek	WI	53154 US	5/25/2022
Tom Smith	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/25/2022
Walter Grote	Winnetka	IL	60015 US	5/25/2022
CHRISTOPHER CHATAIN	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/25/2022
Randi Zacher	Northbrook	IL	60062 US	5/25/2022
Amy Vieregg	Northbrook	IL	60062 US	5/25/2022
Ed Loeb	Chicago	IL	60611 US	5/25/2022
Sheila Duran	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/25/2022
cindy asamA	chicago	IL	60018 US	5/25/2022
Neil Golden	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/25/2022
Mary Jo LaViolette	Deerfield	IL	60015 US	5/25/2022
Elizabeth Lane	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/25/2022
Glen Voycey	Glencoe	IL	60022 US	5/25/2022
thomas ficho	Wheeling	IL	60090 US	5/25/2022
Mauricio Benes	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/25/2022
Elsa Vieregg	Northbrook	IL	60062 US	5/25/2022
Ashley Thurman	St Louis	MO	63141 US	5/25/2022
Jessica Czerniuk	Orland park	IL	60467 US	5/25/2022
Alexander Ross	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/25/2022

Elle Griffin	Chicago	IL	60638	US	5/25/2022
Jennifer Duboc	Wilmette	IL	60091	US	5/25/2022
Carole Smith	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Roger Coasby	Warrington	ENG	WA1 4HP	UK	5/25/2022
Sylvia Walker	Arlington Heights	IL	60005	US	5/25/2022
Melissa Higgins	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Robert Vieregg	Northbrook	IL	60062	US	5/25/2022
Brian Szejka	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Houssem Smaoui	Chicago	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Thomas W Bittman	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Carla Vorhees	Chicago	IL	60612	US	5/25/2022
Kathleen Clarke	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Teddy Ross	Highland Park	IL	60035	US	5/25/2022
Anne Ross	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Stef Coyne	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Colleen McGarry	Chicago	IL	60602	US	5/25/2022
Merridith Chessen	Winnetka	IL	60035	US	5/25/2022
Sarah Gediman	Wilmette	IL	60091	US	5/25/2022
Pamela Coster	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Shawna Radzik	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Kenneth Alt	Chicago	IL	60618	US	5/25/2022
Steve Hoekstra	Vicksburg	MI	49097	US	5/25/2022
James Patton	Chicago	IL	60611	US	5/25/2022
essie mitchell	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Elizabeth Messersmith	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Jacob Andoniadis	Hinsdale		60514	US	5/25/2022
Caroline Betsill	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Cynthia Collins	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Michele Giczewski	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Courtney Jack	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
ruth Reagel	Highland Park	IL	60035	US	5/25/2022
Colleen McGeady	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
maggie meiners	winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Tom Brown	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
deborah ross	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Kelly Corley	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Eileen McCarthy	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Sheila Canmann	Deerfield	IL	60015	US	5/25/2022
Sarah Chalcroft				US	5/25/2022
Lisa Fogt	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Monty corley	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Charles Dowding	Winnetka		60093	Netherlan	5/25/2022
Kristin Mahr	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Suzy Eilers	Chicago	IL	60622	US	5/25/2022
Kristen Hayes	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Mary Happ	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Gerald Ambrose	Highland Park	IL	60035	US	5/25/2022

Tracey mccarrol	hinsdale	IL	60521	US	5/25/2022
David Reid	Chicago	IL	60638	US	5/25/2022
mary Rourke	Seattle	WA	98160	US	5/25/2022
Michelle Cullen	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
David Canmann	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
john henderson	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Deborah Berghorst	Highland Park	IL	60035	US	5/25/2022
Colleen Miczek	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Otto Monnig	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Beth Bishop	Wilmette	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Marianne Klein	Highland Park	IL	60035	US	5/25/2022
Anne Kelly	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Sandy Smith	Northfield	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Cindy Brady	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
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Kim Downey	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Jane Whitesides	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Laurie Van Dusen	Deerfield	IL	60015	US	5/25/2022
Dian Eller	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Kate Uniowski	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Katherine Myers-Crum	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Mariangela Dahl	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Bill Uniowski	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Cassie Buccellato	Highland Park	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Holly Hales	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
James McDonald	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Deanne Macey	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
MICHELE GRYGOTIS	Wilmette	IL	60091	US	5/25/2022
Leslie McLamore	Winnetka	IL	60035	US	5/25/2022
Rachel Waimon	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
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Colette Quackenbush	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Chris Dasse	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Dana Marzonie	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Ryan Dahl	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Christy Fowler	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Elizabeth Landes	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Lisa Snabes	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Alison Johnson	Chicago	IL	60652	US	5/25/2022
Sara Wood	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Iretta Brennan	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
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Elizabeth Vegas	winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022
Emily Phillips	Highland Park	IL	60035	US	5/25/2022
Louise Berner-holmberg	Winnetka	IL	60094	US	5/25/2022
William Murphy	Deerfield	IL	60015	US	5/25/2022

Jill Buckley	Chicago	IL	60614 US	5/25/2022
Laura Weidaw	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/25/2022
Hoyt Hudson	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/25/2022
Mary ann Gardner	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/25/2022
Rose Barnard	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/25/2022
Stephanie Keehn	Winnetka	IL	60035 US	5/25/2022
Christina Williams	Glenview	IL	60025 US	5/25/2022
Michael Buckley	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/25/2022
Melinda Alleyne	Overland Park	KS	66212 US	5/25/2022
Katherine Casale MacNally	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/25/2022
lois ware	Winnetka	IL	60614 US	5/25/2022
Johna Sommer	Cary	IL	60013 US	5/25/2022
Elise Gibson	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/25/2022
Kathryn Ficho	Chicago		60610 US	5/25/2022
Neva Egan	Highland Park	IL	60035 US	5/25/2022
Anne Rush	Glenview	IL	60025 US	5/25/2022
Cindy Ficho	Northfield	IL	60093 US	5/25/2022
Barbara Filippini	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/25/2022
Dominique Birchmeier	Winnetka	IL	60035 US	5/25/2022
Robin Oldfield	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/25/2022
Sossong Annmarie	Ocala	FL	34472 US	5/25/2022
Doug Minahan	Wilmette	IL	60091 US	5/25/2022
Amy Henriott	Wilmette	IL	60091 US	5/25/2022
Anne Taft	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/25/2022
Maggi Hayes	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/25/2022
Christie Baker	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/25/2022
Laura Kastelic	Chicago	IL	60618 US	5/25/2022
Miriah Plawer-Volmerding	Chicago	IL	60625 US	5/25/2022
Jessica Cashman	Winnwtka	IL	60093 US	5/25/2022
Amy Miller	Highland Park	IL	60035 US	5/25/2022
Stacee Solotorovsky	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/25/2022
Justin Miller	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/25/2022
Ashley Vaughn Bransfield	Winnetka	IL	60035 US	5/25/2022
James Hosfield	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/25/2022
Churchill Melissa	Charlotte	NC	28202 US	5/25/2022
Grith Funk	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/25/2022
Jennifer Reiland	Chicago	IL	60638 US	5/25/2022
Lori Bedell	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Claudia Goodrich	Winnetka	IL	60035 US	5/26/2022
Laura Lippert	Greenwood	IN	46143 US	5/26/2022
Giancarlo Pena	Miami		33142 US	5/26/2022
Sophia weathington	Atlanta		30319 US	5/26/2022
Wendy Pelletiere	Western Springs	IL	60558 US	5/26/2022
Jennifer Davis	Montgomery	IL	60538 US	5/26/2022
Ann Mac	Hinsdale	IL	60521 US	5/26/2022
Mary Allee	Elkhorn	WI	53121 US	5/26/2022
Maria Faith	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022

Florrie Parks	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Amy Swartchild	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
John Nichols	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Lara Beanblossom	Highland Park	IL	60035 US	5/26/2022
Gerald Corcoran	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Pat Corcoran	Chicago	IL	60647 US	5/26/2022
Maureen Corcoran	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
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Katie Hielscher	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Lowey Sichol	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Denise Ingram	Deerfield	IL	60015 US	5/26/2022
Leah Greavu	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Melissa Altmeyer	Sheboygan	WI	53081 US	5/26/2022
Todd Helmink	Deerfield	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Gabrielle Root	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
King Poor	Milwaukee	WI	53202 US	5/26/2022
D Beck	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Dan Funk	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Kathy Handelman	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Kate Wiley	Chicago	IL	60622 US	5/26/2022
Sherri Cook	HInsdale	IL	60521 US	5/26/2022
Meredith Engstrom	Winnetka	IL	60035 US	5/26/2022
Kristen Senior	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Eric Carty-Fickes	Wilmette	IL	60091 US	5/26/2022
Christine Judd	Cibolo	TX	78108 US	5/26/2022
Beth Mulhern	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Michelle Paluch	Naperville	IL	60564 US	5/26/2022
Tracy S.	Cape Coral	FL	33909 US	5/26/2022
Eileen Murphy	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
TRACEY KEENAN	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Diane Nissen	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Kelsey Koldeway	Burlington	WI	53150 US	5/26/2022
Elaine Tinberg	Phoenix	AZ	85044 US	5/26/2022
Matthew Baker	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Ericka Ellinger	Chicago	IL	60630 US	5/26/2022
Richard Tinberg	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Eleanor Prince	Wilmette	IL	60091 US	5/26/2022
F R Rick Duran	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
David Zacher	Northbrook	IL	60062 US	5/26/2022
William Bishop	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Kelly Olsen	Chicago	IL	60654 US	5/26/2022
Kathleen Alexander	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
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Amanda Hanley	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Stuart Cohn	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Mark Kowalczyk	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022

Becky Sanderson	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Nina Monnig	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Tria Thomas	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Mark Stefanik	Deerfield	IL	60015	US	5/26/2022
Hope Poor	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Arthur Tokarczyk	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
peter moran	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
debbie Jones	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Julie Cook	Glenview	IL	60025	US	5/26/2022
Ziba Jawanda	Burnaby		V5C 6R7	Canada	5/26/2022
Fleury Linn	Northbrook	IL	60062	US	5/26/2022
Amy Maciejewski	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Beth Bruns	Wilmette	IL	60091	US	5/26/2022
Joan Kuzel	Mount Prospect	IL	60056	US	5/26/2022
Elizabeth Forbes	Highland Park	IL	60035	US	5/26/2022
Kathy Hamburger	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Jude Offerle	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Katie Mangan	Chicago	IL	60638	US	5/26/2022
Robert Taylor	Newark		7102	US	5/26/2022
Laura Glenn	Deerfield	IL	60015	US	5/26/2022
Peter Eatherton	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Vicki J Woodward	Chicago	IL	60603	US	5/26/2022
Nicole Rivera	Highland Park	IL	60035	US	5/26/2022
Yasmine Horton	Bessemer		35020	US	5/26/2022
Sofia Galanis	Lisle	IL	60532	US	5/26/2022
Maureen Gribble	Wilmette	IL	60091	US	5/26/2022
Mara Miskin	Westmont	IL	60559	US	5/26/2022
Narissa HOPRASART	Chicago	IL	60625	US	5/26/2022
Kendra Wallace	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Charla Provencio	Stevenson Ranch	CA	91381	US	5/26/2022
Justyna Marecik	Northfield	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Suzanne Austin	Clarendon Hills	IL	60561	US	5/26/2022
Harry Grace	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Alvarado Kate	Fresno	CA	93727	US	5/26/2022
Jane Dowding	Winnetka		60093	Netherlan	5/26/2022
Janel Ellison	Knoxville	TN	37921	US	5/26/2022
Crystle Neumann	Cypress	TX	77433	US	5/26/2022
Joan Holden	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Jamie Alfano	Roselle	IL	60172	US	5/26/2022
Julie Anderson	Niles	IL	60714	US	5/26/2022
Steve Huels	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Julianne Slade	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Barb Polgar	Follansbee	WV	26037	US	5/26/2022
Ann Grote	Deerfield	IL	60015	US	5/26/2022
Nancy Behles	Winnetka	IL	60035	US	5/26/2022
Barbara Redmond	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Mary ellen Morgan	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022

Renee Mulder	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Donna Konstant	Riverview	FL	33578	US	5/26/2022
Darla Hovden	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Lauren Lewis	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Peggy Swartchild	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Jeffrey Kleinops	Chicago	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Kit Condon	Evanston	IL	60201	US	5/26/2022
Martha Pickrell	Wilmette	IL	60091	US	5/26/2022
Kelley MacKinnon	Wilmette	IL	60091	US	5/26/2022
Michael McGoohan	Chicago	IL	60614	US	5/26/2022
Brian Montgomery	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Gayle Crane	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Julie Silva	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Jane Carroll	Highland Park	IL	60035	US	5/26/2022
Katherine Sadlowski	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Lisa Lux	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
John True	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Rachel Schulenburg	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Anasofia Barba	Deerfield	IL	60015	US	5/26/2022
Steve Maciejewski	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Tara Maher	Highland Park	IL	60035	US	5/26/2022
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Dana Roeser	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Chris Ball	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Kate Holman	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Jessica Bollhoefer	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
David Roeser	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Cheryl Axelrod	Wilmette	IL	60091	US	5/26/2022
Claudia del Busto	Chicago	IL	60645	US	5/26/2022
Nora Jewett	Highland Park	IL	60035	US	5/26/2022
Julie Hosfield	Wilmette	IL	60091	US	5/26/2022
Kendal Reis	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Amanda Day	Highland Park	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Sarah Donaldson	winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Elena Moore	Chicago	IL	60626	US	5/26/2022
Stephanie Whitney	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Rchard Messersmith	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Crystal martin	carrollton	TX	75007	US	5/26/2022
Ruth Jennings	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Lilly Avril	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Scott Rosen	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Amy D	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Kim Johnson	Wilmette	IL	60091	US	5/26/2022
Nikki Brainerd	Winnetka	IL	60035	US	5/26/2022
Robert Daniels	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Sarah Ko	Highland Park	IL	60035	US	5/26/2022
Marie Kipp	Winnetka	IL		US	5/26/2022

robert turf	Cicero	IL	60804	US	5/26/2022
Joe Behles	Evanston	IL	60201	US	5/26/2022
Betsy Womack	Winnetka	IL	60092	US	5/26/2022
Hallie Palomares	Los Angeles	CA	90040	US	5/26/2022
Abby OBrien	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Phillip Pusateri	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Courtney Finlayson	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Marion Jelcz	Lake Forest	IL	60045	US	5/26/2022
Gatry Grygotis	Wilmette	IL	60601	US	5/26/2022
Meredith Hwang	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Aileen McAnally	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Todd Kipp	Winnetka, Ill	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Grace Flatt	Winnetka	IL		US	5/26/2022
Craig Finlayson	Chicago	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Cynthia Cata	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
George Harmon	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Brian Chaplin	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Amy Boehm	Indianapolis	IN	46256	US	5/26/2022
Margaret Herrmann	Essex Junction	VT	5452	US	5/26/2022
Madison Smith	Highland Park	IL	60035	US	5/26/2022
Alexandra Tippit	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Mark Josephson	Highland Park	IL	60035	US	5/26/2022
Suruchi Bhosale	Parker	CO	80134	US	5/26/2022
Sylvan Maher	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Elizabeth Pusateri	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Diane King	Kenilworth	IL	60043	US	5/26/2022
Anja Hummel	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Allison Burke	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Melissa Iserloth	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Alex Coasby	Wilmette	IL	60091	US	5/26/2022
Jennifer Healy	Chicago	IL	60629	US	5/26/2022
Kathleen L. McGarry	Oconomowoc	WI	53066	US	5/26/2022
Holly Miller	Highland Park	IL	60035	US	5/26/2022
Mary Conte	Evanston	IL	60201	US	5/26/2022
David Anderson	San Diego	CA	92109	US	5/26/2022
Tim King	El Dorado Hills	CA	95762	US	5/26/2022
john doe	Chicago	IL	60610	US	5/26/2022
Sarah Balan	Northfield	IL	600093	US	5/26/2022
Sarah Helmink	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Molly Donovan	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Lisa Sprovieri	NAPERVILLE	IL	60565	US	5/26/2022
Linda Welch	Highland Park	IL	60035	US	5/26/2022
Eric Bunselmeyer	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022
Deborah Alani	Deerfield	IL	60015	US	5/26/2022
Aimee McMahon	Evanston	IL	60201	US	5/26/2022
Hilary Achauer	San Diego	CA	92109	US	5/26/2022
Claire Avril	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022

sue gregor	chicago	IL	60641 US	5/26/2022
Maureen Fogerty	Evanston	IL	60201 US	5/26/2022
Nicole Leahy	Koloa	HI	96756 US	5/26/2022
Scott Lewis	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Brian Kelley	Northfield	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Kristi Lohmeier	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Joanna Karatzas	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Sandra DiVarco	Highland Park	IL	60035 US	5/26/2022
Katie Gillig	Highland Park	IL	60035 US	5/26/2022
Lauren Grote	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Michael Petersen	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Kathryn Infantino	Deerfield	IL	60015 US	5/26/2022
Susan Coreleone	Gilbert		85295 US	5/26/2022
Emily Taylor Walker	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
France Miller	Chicago		60636 US	5/26/2022
Tom Weidaw	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Sarah Malia	Evanston	IL	60201 US	5/26/2022
Monique Duran	Las Vegas		89108 US	5/26/2022
Kimberly A Dsida	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Maureen Nelson	Lake Bluff	IL	60044 US	5/26/2022
J Stoltenberg	Chicago	IL	60622 US	5/26/2022
Destry Makaila	Honolulu		96822 US	5/26/2022
Emma Forquer	WInnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Valerie Stubberfield	East Setauket		11733 US	5/26/2022
Marilyn Faloon	Northbrook	IL	60062 US	5/26/2022
Janet Lubetkin	Highland Park	IL	60035 US	5/26/2022
Bruce Sturgeon	Glenview	IL	60025 US	5/26/2022
David Kherson	Wilmette	IL	60091 US	5/26/2022
Andrea White	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Carol Ellman	Wilmette	IL	60091 US	5/26/2022
Kitty Bliss	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Scott Adkins	Evanston	IL	60201 US	5/26/2022
Katie Stevens	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Qing Ru	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Wendy Dury	Winnetka	IL	60035 US	5/26/2022
Mary-Audrey Atteberry	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Bob Sutter	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Mary Hickey	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Ken Mitchell	Wilmette	IL	60091 US	5/26/2022
kathy brander	Bridgeview	IL	60455 US	5/26/2022
James Welch	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Jennifer Walsh	Highland Park	IL	60035 US	5/26/2022
Deborah Dwyer	Evanston	IL	60201 US	5/26/2022
Thomas Goettsche	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Kathleen Kumer	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Brian McGarry	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Elizabeth Kern	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022

Kim Melancon	Winnetka	IL	60035 US	5/26/2022
Simon Jackson	Evanston	IL	60201 US	5/26/2022
Elisa Kirk Bartels	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Theodore Wynnychenko	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Lisa Flanagan	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Eric Orsic	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/26/2022
Nancy Crowe	Chicago	IL	60093 US	5/27/2022
Heidi Mitidiero	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/27/2022
Ronald Harrison	Detroit	MI	48210 US	5/27/2022
Lesley Hershman	Wilmette	IL	60091 US	5/27/2022
Sheila Miller	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/27/2022
Douglas Dietz	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/27/2022
Karen Cyrus	Evanston	IL	60201 US	5/27/2022
Bobby Jernegan	Evanston	IL	60201 US	5/27/2022
Lori James	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/27/2022
Becka Becka	Wilmette	IL	60202 US	5/27/2022
Christian Raynal	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/27/2022
Adam Alani	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/27/2022
Laura Hill	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/27/2022
Leslie Maguire	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/27/2022
Cristina Chung	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/27/2022
Scott Bross	Wilmette	IL	60091 US	5/27/2022
Kari Roane	Evanston	IL	60202 US	5/27/2022
Jennifer Lewis	Spring	TX	77382 US	5/27/2022
Gentry Sandra	Gore	OK	74435 US	5/27/2022
Ned Mcelvain	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/27/2022
Jeff Axelrod	Wilmette	IL	60091 US	5/27/2022
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Magda Marzec	Chicago	IL	60657 US	5/27/2022
Sidney Raynal	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/27/2022
erica chesney	winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/27/2022
Kara Todd	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/27/2022
danish haque	Glenview	IL	60025 US	5/27/2022
Mary Himes	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/27/2022
Lisa Peterson	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/27/2022
Joy Goldstein	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/27/2022
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Erin Kelly	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/27/2022
Courtney Mathy	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/27/2022
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JERRY ORTEGA	Wilmette	IL	60091 US	5/27/2022
M Ptak	Evanston	IL	60202 US	5/27/2022
Madelyn Thompson	Evanston	IL	60076 US	5/27/2022
christie osmond	winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/27/2022
Tammy Holme	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/27/2022
Jay Stanek	Evanston	IL	60201 US	5/27/2022
Tim Dable	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/27/2022

Jennifer Lerum	Evanston	IL	60201 US	5/27/2022
emily marsh	il	IL	60622 US	5/27/2022
Sheila Nielsen	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/27/2022
Laury Morrison	Evanston	IL	60201 US	5/27/2022
Mark Osmond	winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/27/2022
Josh Standiford	Lake Zurich		60047 US	5/27/2022
Jean Brown	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/27/2022
linda sanchez	Wilmette	IL	60091 US	5/27/2022
Richard Krieg	Evanston	IL	60202 US	5/27/2022
Jennifer Washburn	Evanston	IL	60201 US	5/27/2022
Joshua Locher	Evanston	IL	60201 US	5/27/2022
Robert Forbes	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/27/2022
Lucy Lehman	Evanston	IL	60201 US	5/27/2022
Laura Helms	Northfield	IL	60093 US	5/27/2022
Denise Kirshenbaum	Wilmette	IL	60091 US	5/27/2022
Steven Potts	Chicago	IL	60611 US	5/27/2022
Susan Barry	Wilmette	IL	60091 US	5/27/2022
Connie Gillock	Chicago	IL	60626 US	5/27/2022
Woody Denham	Highland Park	IL	60035 US	5/27/2022
Deanna Beaugrand	Evanston	IL	60201 US	5/27/2022
Georgie Geraghty	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/27/2022
Mary Sward	Skokie	IL	60077 US	5/27/2022
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Diane Thodos	Chicago	IL	60638 US	5/27/2022
Ann Buran	Wilmette	IL	60091 US	5/27/2022
Richard Gentile	Evanston		60201 US	5/27/2022
Chris Guza	Morton Grove	IL	60053 US	5/27/2022
mary Jane murphy	Winnetka	IL	60035 US	5/27/2022
Darien Creamer	Kenilworth	IL	60043 US	5/27/2022
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Steven Papageorge	Wilmette	IL	60091 US	5/27/2022
Karen Miller	Wilmette	IL	60091 US	5/27/2022
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Charles McDonald	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/27/2022
Melissa Moline Miller	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/27/2022
Lynn Jackson	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/27/2022
Keren Green	San Antonio	TX	78248 US	5/27/2022
Leora Long	Wilmette	IL	60091 US	5/27/2022
Jeff Miller	Chicago	IL	60614 US	5/27/2022
Greg Sultan	Evanston	IL	60201 US	5/27/2022
Thomas Jirgal	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/27/2022
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Colleen Simpson	Wilmette	IL	60091 US	5/27/2022
Ellen Mardock	Chicago	IL	60610 US	5/27/2022
Mike McGill	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/27/2022

Mark Mitchell				US	5/27/2022
Gwynne Hales	Philadelphia	PA	19107	US	5/27/2022
Matt Menzies	Evanston	IL	60203	US	5/27/2022
Renee Siegel	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/27/2022
Stephanie Schepp	Chicago	IL	60657	US	5/27/2022
Cordelia Maloney	Evanston	IL	60201	US	5/27/2022
Denise Schofield	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/27/2022
Anna Fedyshyn	Evanston	IL	60201	US	5/27/2022
Patricia Mitchell	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/27/2022
Pam Wirt	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/27/2022
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Pamalar Threlkeld	Wilmette	IL	60201	US	5/27/2022
Thomas Mcguigan	Highland Park	IL	60035	US	5/28/2022
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George Gigiolio	Evanston	IL	60201	US	5/28/2022
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Margaret Searle	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/28/2022
Sam Shonfeld	Highland Park	IL	60035	US	5/28/2022
Mercedes Sichel	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/28/2022
Jamie Robles	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/28/2022
Mary GARRISON	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/28/2022
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Elizabeth Bauer	Glenview	IL	60025	US	5/28/2022
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Ra Szumal	Skokie	IL	60076	US	5/28/2022
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Rajesh Kumar	Chicago	IL	60644	US	5/28/2022
Ken Shonfeld	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/28/2022
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Nykia Threlkeld	Wilmette	IL	60091	US	5/28/2022
Jean Kotin	Highland Park	IL	60093	US	5/28/2022
Mary Foster	Highland Park	IL	60035	US	5/28/2022
Sheery Weizman	Lake Worth	FL	33463	US	5/28/2022
Valerie George	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/28/2022
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Katy Pankau	Chicago	IL	60093	US	5/28/2022
Joanna McGowan	Wallingford	PA	19086	US	5/28/2022
susan chait	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/28/2022
Jolie Schwartz	Highland Park	IL	60043	US	5/28/2022
Eliza Earle	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/28/2022
Lisa Gallas	Skokie	IL	60076	US	5/28/2022
Julia Montelione	WINNETKA	IL	60093	US	5/28/2022
Julie Irving	Chicago	IL	60602	US	5/28/2022
John Amman	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/28/2022
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Jennifer Gervasio	Wilmette	IL	60091 US	5/28/2022
Ce Baldwin	Chicago	IL	60625 US	5/28/2022
Mary claire Connell	Chicago	IL	60618 US	5/28/2022
Sherry Molitor	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/28/2022
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Mary Richardson	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/28/2022
Eileen Madigan	Kenilworth	IL	60091 US	5/28/2022
william darnton	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/28/2022
Ginger Boden	Winnetka	IL	60201 US	5/28/2022
J A Ginsburg	Skokie	IL	60076 US	5/28/2022
Sandra Freda	Evanston	IL	60201 US	5/28/2022
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Paulibus Schumann	Chicago	IL	60626 US	5/28/2022
Julie Rocap	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/28/2022
Laurie Maalul	Wilmette	IL	60091 US	5/28/2022
PATRICIA SCHUMANN	Sedona	AZ	86336 US	5/28/2022
Maria Panagopoulos	Sudbury	MA	1776 US	5/29/2022
Liz Fromstein	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/29/2022
Darlene Boehnel	Evanston	IL	60202 US	5/29/2022
Andrea Strening	Wilmette	IL	60091 US	5/29/2022
Suzanne Van Alstyne	Lafayette	CO	80026 US	5/29/2022
J Mann	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/29/2022
Josephine Doyle	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/29/2022
Ingrid Gray	Wilmette	IL	60091 US	5/29/2022
Cortney Raynor	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/29/2022
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Michelle Sheedy	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/29/2022
Sara Nash	Northfield	IL	60093 US	5/29/2022
Ana Misetic	Evanston	IL	60203 US	5/29/2022
Timi Williams	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/29/2022
Ellen McLaughlin	Evanston	IL	60201 US	5/29/2022
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Michael Farrell	Northfield	IL	60093 US	5/29/2022
Jane McCoy	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/29/2022
Justin Edge	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/29/2022
jennifer mitchell	Evanston	IL	60202 US	5/29/2022
Elie Matumona	Fayetteville		28311 US	5/29/2022

Pooja Louis	Evanston	IL	60201 US	5/29/2022
Agnieszka Kowalczyk	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/29/2022
Paula Kowalczyk	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/29/2022
Ann Mostofi	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/29/2022
Gerry Paez	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/29/2022
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Penelope Rieck	Chicago	IL	60602 US	5/29/2022
Amy McCarter	Highland Park	IL	60035 US	5/29/2022
Jennifer Hernandez	Chicago	IL	60093 US	5/29/2022
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Mary Driscoll	Evanston	IL	60201 US	5/29/2022
edward rosinus	WINNETKA	IL	60093 US	5/29/2022
Elizabeth Fahrenbach	Wilmette	IL	60091 US	5/29/2022
Susan Hering	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/29/2022
Amy Hilarides	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/29/2022
Blake harper	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/29/2022
Sara McClain	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/29/2022
Tory Tarsitano	Highland Park	IL	60035 US	5/29/2022
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Leanne Ylitalo	Kenilworth	IL	60043 US	5/29/2022
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Emma Robitaille	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/29/2022
Mary Robbins	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/29/2022
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Mimi Dray	Wilmette	IL	60091 US	5/29/2022
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Mirela Peci	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/29/2022
Suzy Scherb	Des Plaines	IL	60016 US	5/29/2022
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Rory Tippit	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/29/2022
Natacha DePaola-Ostrogorsky	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/29/2022
julie pagliaro	winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/29/2022
Laura Probst	Winnetks	IL	60093 US	5/29/2022
Mark Bransfield	Chicago	IL	60603 US	5/29/2022
Joy Handelman	Evanston	IL	60202 US	5/29/2022
John Robitaille	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/29/2022
Susan Ziegler	Glenview	IL	60025 US	5/29/2022
Cheryl Henley	Evanston	IL	60201 US	5/29/2022
Courtney Nelson	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/29/2022
Lisa Neild	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/29/2022
Stephanie Zugschwert	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/29/2022
Elijah Wilde	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/29/2022

Diana Wilde	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/29/2022
Daniel Goes	Chicago	IL	60602	US	5/29/2022
Heather Forster	Evanston	IL	60203	US	5/29/2022
Mary Spalding	Evanston	IL	60202	US	5/29/2022
Marilyn Falkenberg	Chicago	IL	60613	US	5/29/2022
Julia Goodwin	Highland Park	IL	60035	US	5/29/2022
Jeane Cox-Meusef	Chicago	IL	60647	US	5/29/2022
Lisa Ahern	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/29/2022
Claire Henry	Chicago	IL	60612	US	5/29/2022
Mike Fruland	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/29/2022
Meg Wozniak	Wilmette	IL	60091	US	5/29/2022
marilyn prodromos	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/29/2022
Betsy Hammond	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/29/2022
Theodore Tran	Skokie	IL	60076	US	5/29/2022
Heidi Wozniak	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/29/2022
Tiffany Le	Skokie	IL	60076	US	5/29/2022
Judith Traynor	Glenview	IL	60026	US	5/29/2022
Michael Hammond	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/29/2022
Teresa Hutchins	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/29/2022
Harry Pascal	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/29/2022
Katie Minahan	Highland Park	IL	60035	US	5/29/2022
Melissa Siavelis	Chicago	IL	60201	US	5/29/2022
Tim Perry	Wilmette	IL	60091	US	5/29/2022
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Juliet Roberts	Niles	IL	60714	US	5/29/2022
Michael Watkins	Wilmette	IL	60091	US	5/29/2022
Emily Cittadine	Chicago	IL	60093	US	5/29/2022
Jacqueline leuter	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/29/2022
Marc Garrison	Chicago	IL	60093	US	5/29/2022
Helen Cassin	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/29/2022
Taylor Scobie Humphrey	Evanston	IL	60201	US	5/29/2022
Brian Williams	Johns Island	SC	29455	US	5/29/2022
Lawrence O'brien	Glenview	IL	60026	US	5/29/2022
Melinda Hurley	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/29/2022
Courtney Doyle	Lemont	IL	60439	US	5/29/2022
Albert Goodman	Wilmette	IL	60091	US	5/29/2022
Rebecca Murray	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/29/2022
Mary Ann Breitfelder	Chicago	IL	60610	US	5/29/2022
Shane Franken	Evanston	IL	60201	US	5/29/2022
Ed Mirkovic	Glenview	IL	60025	US	5/29/2022
Home Beverly Gaabo	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/29/2022
Meredith McCormick	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/29/2022
Aimee Garrison	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/29/2022
Joan Fergus	Racine	WI	53405	US	5/29/2022
Marilyn Frank	Skokie	IL	60076	US	5/30/2022
Lisa Matyas	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/30/2022
Andrea Carolus	Traverse City	MI	49685	US	5/30/2022

Stephanie Meyer	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Emily Ciaglo	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Margaret Kotz	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Dmitry Karpeyev	Wilmette	IL	60091 US	5/30/2022
Carli Gernot	Wilmette	IL	60091 US	5/30/2022
Margaret Cassin	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Laura Elsaden	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
George Gardner	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Sophia Schaer	Glencoe	IL	60022 US	5/30/2022
Nancy Yurek	Algonquin	IL	60102 US	5/30/2022
Lia Marais	Sausalito	CA	94965 US	5/30/2022
Kirsten Lee	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Madeline Miller	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Bill Yurek	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Connor Shannon	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Larayne Dumlao	Chicago	IL	60647 US	5/30/2022
Rita Compton	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Nadia Sattar	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Kate Sabo	Highland Park	IL	60022 US	5/30/2022
Karen Schneider	Fletcher	NC	28732 US	5/30/2022
Marjorie Steadman	Evanston	IL	60201 US	5/30/2022
Jill Beckstedt	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Kerry Karpiel	Wilmette	IL	60091 US	5/30/2022
Corrie Halas	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Timothy Johnson	Wilmette	IL	60091 US	5/30/2022
Carol Ritchell	Northfield	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Patrick Smith	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Katy Furton	Highland Park	IL	60035 US	5/30/2022
Julie Smit	Highland Park	IL	60035 US	5/30/2022
Vicki Horwich	Highland Park	IL	60035 US	5/30/2022
Andrew Letz	Glenview	IL	60025 US	5/30/2022
Martha Gillum	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Vicki Apatoff	Deerfield	IL	60015 US	5/30/2022
Colleen Washburn	Glenview	IL	60025 US	5/30/2022
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Kay Ettington	Highland Park	IL	60035 US	5/30/2022
Antonio Mota	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Pam Shirley	Wilmette	IL	60091 US	5/30/2022
Bonnie Vasilion	Wilmette	IL	60091 US	5/30/2022
Daniel Ward	Skokie	IL	60077 US	5/30/2022
John Beckstedt	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Cynthia Damico	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Elizabeth Flores	Northfield	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Michael Nemeth	Chicago	IL	60620 US	5/30/2022
John Green	Northfield	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Robert Shirley	Wilmette	IL	60091 US	5/30/2022
George Walper	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022

Erin Vollmer	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
William Holland	Wilmette	IL	60091 US	5/30/2022
Dave Chung	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Stephanie Altman	northfield	IL	60201 US	5/30/2022
Michael Amez	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Elizabeth Pyott	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Jennifer Morse	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Tracy Winslow	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Amy Ziegler	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Leigh Sears	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Vanessa Podgorski	Glenview	IL	60025 US	5/30/2022
Susan Keats	Wilmette	IL	60091 US	5/30/2022
Marius Andreasen	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Debbie Yapp	Highland Park	IL	60035 US	5/30/2022
Jeanne Daniel	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Kate Kligora	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Vincent D'Amico	Deerfield	IL	60015 US	5/30/2022
Catie Jacobsen	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Mary Downie	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Georgeann Shenton	Chicago	IL	60641 US	5/30/2022
Isaac Fogt	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Dancy Bateman	Wilmette	IL	60091 US	5/30/2022
Katie Flanigan	Chicago	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Craig Avril	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Irene and John Rielly	Wilmette	IL	60201 US	5/30/2022
Heidi Capozzi	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Meg Metzler	Wilmette	IL	60091 US	5/30/2022
David Mulligan	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Carl Damico	Denver	CO	80224 US	5/30/2022
Anne Ryan	Evanston	IL	60201 US	5/30/2022
Kim Arnowitt Mulligan	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Grace Damico	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Dalton Plank	Olive Hill		41161 US	5/30/2022
Sarah Tegel	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Kathy Ambrosino	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
MARNIE LINDBLAD	Winnetka	IL	60091 US	5/30/2022
Rick Bechtel	Glencoe	IL	60022 US	5/30/2022
Megan Amman	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Laura DeMoor	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Michael Sawyer	Northfield	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Chris Barbin	McHenry	IL	60051 US	5/30/2022
Andrew Finke	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Jon Newman	Kenilworth	IL	60043 US	5/30/2022
Claire Newman	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Lori Beck	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Susan Galvin	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022
Kristine Schriesheim	Winnetka	IL	60093 US	5/30/2022

paul getzendanner	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/30/2022
Cathy Murdoch	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/30/2022
Ben Shonfeld	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/30/2022
Suzanne Lyman	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/30/2022
Jennifer Ellis	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022
Karen Kiersey	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022
Bonalynn Wallach	Highland Park	IL	60035	US	5/31/2022
Alexandra Besen	Wilmette	IL	60091	US	5/31/2022
Alexandra Nichols	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022
Stephanie Chang	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022
Jessica Brosche	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022
Melisa Reyes	Skokie	IL	60077	US	5/31/2022
Charles Wise	Wile	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022
Ellen Schermerhorn	Wilmette	IL	60091	US	5/31/2022
David Dana	Evanston	IL	60202	US	5/31/2022
Karen Miller	Skokie	IL	60076	US	5/31/2022
A Williams	London		EC2V	UK	5/31/2022
Theresa Croghan	Kenilworth	IL	60043	US	5/31/2022
Erica Cordier	Wilmette	IL	60091	US	5/31/2022
Kat Lopez	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022
Catherine Gray	Chicago	IL	60602	US	5/31/2022
Eric Walker	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022
Roy Berlin	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022
Patrick Hanley	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022
connie Yonan	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022
Jennifer Bunge	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022
Scott Johnson	Wilmette	IL	60091	US	5/31/2022
Steven Jambor	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022
Connor Mitchell	Wilmette	IL	60091	US	5/31/2022
Matt Furton	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022
carol rasmus	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022
Larry Byrne	Evanston	IL	60201	US	5/31/2022
Mike Jakob	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022
DANIEL EGELAND	WINNETKA	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022
Leslie Farmer	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022
Amy Wilder Cunningham	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022
Jan Bawden	Festus	MO	63028	US	5/31/2022
Katie Elizabeth	Wilmette	IL	60091	US	5/31/2022
Bianca Giraldo	Evanston	IL	60201	US	5/31/2022
Paul Ringel, M.D.	New York	NY	10024	US	5/31/2022
Jordan Shonfeld	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022
Karen Essig	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022
Christine Murdoch	winnetka	IL	60015	US	5/31/2022
Carol Kemp	Wilmette	IL	60091	US	5/31/2022
Sharon Parks	Evanston	IL	60201	US	5/31/2022
Xerxes Bhote	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022
Sam Ringel	Wellesley Hills	MA	2481	US	5/31/2022

Samantha Fonda	Highland Park	IL	60035	US	5/31/2022
Anders Hellström	Glencoe	IL	60022	US	5/31/2022
Martha Hoza	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022
Michael Fonda	Chicago	IL	60613	US	5/31/2022
Marianne Wright	Wilmette	IL	60091	US	5/31/2022
Steve Juliusson	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022
Amy Bhote	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022
Margaret Joyce	Wilmette	IL	60091	US	5/31/2022
Beth Dustman	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022
Anne Juliusson	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022
Jeanie Moysey	Arlington Heights	IL	60004	US	5/31/2022
Sandra Berger	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022
Anne Milling	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022
Lisa Amoroso	Evanston	IL	60202	US	5/31/2022
Rebecca White	winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022
taylor wells	New York City		67676	US	5/31/2022
Carolyn Turner	Tucker	GA	30084-46C	US	5/31/2022
Mary Henry	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022
Guy Sanon	Tampa		33612	US	5/31/2022
david taggart	Woodbridge	VA	22193	US	5/31/2022
William Merline	Black Hawk	CO	80422	US	5/31/2022
Dan Lucchesi	Rohnert Park	CA	94928	US	5/31/2022
Quenna Moore	Rochester	MI	48307	US	5/31/2022
Rick Mullin	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022
J Harris	San Juan	PR		US	5/31/2022
John Wilson	Winnetka		60093	US	5/31/2022
Abby Burtelow	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022
Jim Head	Oak Park	MI	48237	US	5/31/2022
Scott Pham	San Diego	CA	92131	US	5/31/2022
Robert Berger	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022
Sarah Walling	Castleton On Hudson	NY	12033	US	5/31/2022
Etzar Cisneros	Birmingham	AL	35206	US	5/31/2022
Don Doyle	Skokie	IL	60076	US	5/31/2022
Sharon Langley	Mount Prospect	IL	60056	US	5/31/2022
Alma Parker	Los Angeles	CA	90059	US	5/31/2022
Rachel Mercedes Verdugo	Costa mesa	CA	92627	US	5/31/2022
Christine Quinn	Winnetka	IL	60035	US	5/31/2022
Mark Hemenway	Charlotte	NC	28210	US	5/31/2022
pamela hamilton	Palo Cedro	CA	96073	US	5/31/2022
Dana Pearl	Evanston	IL	60202	US	5/31/2022
Amy Polachek	WINNETKA	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022
Karin Fink	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022
Suzanne Kipp	Highland Park	IL	60035	US	5/31/2022
Cindy Kilborn	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022
Heather Aldaco	Jacksonville	FL	32277	US	5/31/2022
Ayah Bajwa	Highland Park	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022
Dan De Yo	Yorba Linda	CA	92886	US	5/31/2022

Abby Adams	Winnetka	IL	60035	US	5/31/2022
Sue Ellen Lupien	Maumelle	AR	72113	US	5/31/2022
Ann Balusek	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022
Anne O'Brien Prager	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022
Ann Walper	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022
Angela Clark	Freeport	IL	61032	US	5/31/2022
Rick Nelson	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	6/1/2022
Evelyn Vlahandreas	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	6/1/2022
Stacy Goodman	Northfield	IL	60093	US	6/1/2022
Erin Hines	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	6/1/2022
Charles Happ	Deerfield	IL	60015	US	6/1/2022
janice figman		IL		US	6/1/2022
MICHAEL VLAHANDREAS	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	6/1/2022
Luvie Myers	Highland Park	IL	60035	US	6/1/2022
Brandie Siavelis	Chicago		60611	US	6/1/2022
Angela Newman	Evanston	IL	60201	US	6/1/2022
Jill Fischer	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	6/1/2022
Mike McGuiggan	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	6/1/2022
Robert Schriesheim	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	6/1/2022
Michelle Ellensohn	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	6/1/2022
Melinda Hahn	Deerfield	IL	60015	US	6/1/2022
Judy Kushner	Elmont	NY	11003	US	6/1/2022
Harriet Ross	Wilmette	IL	60091	US	6/1/2022
Susan Nelson	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	6/1/2022
Beth Skalla	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	6/1/2022
Sandra Costa	Evanston	IL	60201	US	6/1/2022
Jennifer Day	Naples	FL	34112	US	6/1/2022
Elisabeth Geraghty	Chicago	IL	60603	US	6/1/2022
Jaime Turgeon	Richmond	VA	23237	US	6/1/2022
Antoinette Risdon	Wilmette	IL	60091	US	6/1/2022
Ingrid Anderson Grace	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	6/1/2022
Amy Capocchi	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	6/1/2022
Walter Schmitt II	Machesney Park	IL	61115	US	6/1/2022
Roberta Stern	Oakland	CA	94618	US	6/1/2022
Lana Schmitt	Machesney Park	IL	61115	US	6/1/2022
Dale Beasley	Dinuba	CA	93618	US	6/1/2022
Richard Reece	Waynesboro	GA	30830-702	US	6/1/2022
Julie Cassin	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	6/1/2022
betty winholtz	morro bay	CA	93442	US	6/1/2022
Liz Winemiller	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	6/1/2022
Brad Smith	Mishawaka	IN	46545	US	6/1/2022
Jane Davidson	Englewood	NJ	07631`	US	6/1/2022
Mary Mumbrue	Evanston	IL	60201	US	6/1/2022
Janice Kavanaugh	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	6/1/2022
doria wosk	miami	FL	33116-335	US	6/1/2022
Bonnie Winter	Shrewsbury	PA	17361	US	6/1/2022
Max Winemiller	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	6/1/2022

Christopher Tom	Pleasantville	NY	10570	US	6/1/2022
Joseph Pietanza	Brooklyn	NY	11228	US	6/1/2022
Shelley Dolan	Highland Park	IL	60035	US	6/1/2022
Elizabeth Sapp	Brunswick	GA	31523	US	6/1/2022
Susan Weiser	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	6/1/2022
Annette Rauch	Berkley	MA	2779	US	6/1/2022
Curtis Coleman	Monroe	LA	71201	US	6/1/2022
Cindy Forbes	Highland Park	IL	60035	US	6/1/2022
Cheryl Montgomery	New Haven	CT	6512	US	6/1/2022
Karen Lasher	Salida	CO	81201	US	6/1/2022
Paul Lively	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	6/1/2022
david holmes	w. palm beach	FL	33407	US	6/1/2022
Nancy Niemeir	Tucson	AZ	85711	US	6/1/2022
Charlie Harre	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	6/1/2022
M Rhodes	Arlington	VA	22201	US	6/1/2022
John Lembo	Corpus Christi	TX	78418	US	6/1/2022
Lane Hajack	Chicago	IL	60618	US	6/1/2022
Thaddeus Barton	Chicago	IL	60618	US	6/1/2022
Anne Stevens	Wilmette	IL	60091	US	6/1/2022
Susan Bertram	Northfield	IL	60093-330	US	6/1/2022
mary shields	Deerfield	IL	60015	US	6/1/2022
Louise Holland	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	6/1/2022
Tim Dolan	Chicago	IL	60601	US	6/1/2022
Nancy Marcus	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	6/1/2022
Peter Tyor	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	6/1/2022
David Padgitt	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	6/1/2022
Alan McPherson	Kewanna	IN	46939	US	6/1/2022
Caroline Mitchell	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	6/1/2022
Beth Ann Papoutsis	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	6/1/2022
Nancy Orons	Wexford	PA	15090	US	6/1/2022
Eleanor Tippens	Wilmette	IL	60091	US	6/1/2022
William O'Melia	Indio	CA	92201	US	6/1/2022
Mike Carpe	Amsterdam	NY	12010	US	6/1/2022
Laura Johnson	Chicago	IL	60091	US	6/1/2022
ted eller	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	6/1/2022
John Dunn	Morristown	NJ	7960	US	6/1/2022
David Shanahan	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	6/1/2022
Jane homcy	Woodland Park	NJ	7424	US	6/1/2022
Cade Herman	Oak Ridge	NJ	7438	US	6/1/2022
Anna Wisniewski	winnetka	IL	60093	US	6/1/2022
Patricia Harrison	Harvey	LA	70058	US	6/1/2022
Danielle Cashman	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	6/1/2022
KarenSue Zoeller	Baton Rouge	LA	70806	US	6/1/2022
Katharine Altholz	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	6/1/2022
Colin Kennedy	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	6/1/2022
doretta miller	Clearwater	FL	33763	US	6/1/2022
Jessica Montgomery	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	6/1/2022

Marena Rudy	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	6/1/2022
Alexis Malayter	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	6/1/2022
Nancy Kurz	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	6/1/2022
Karen Ratzlaff	Santa Rosa	CA	95404	US	6/1/2022
Carl Buccellato	Highland Park	IL	60035	US	6/1/2022
Richard Franklin	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	6/1/2022
Julie Pagliaro	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	6/1/2022
Susan Bâby	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	6/1/2022

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June 9, 2022

RE:CORP PROJECT #. LRC-2021-000454
CLARIFICATION OF THE VILLAGE OF WINNETKA LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE ELDER AND CENTENNIAL PARK AND BEACH PROJECT

Dear IDNR and ACOE,

We request that the Village of Winnetka's letter of support, dated October 8th, 2021, regarding the Winnetka Park District's plan to combine Elder Lane Park and Beach with Centennial Park and Beach be clarified due to changes in the project plan that ensued after the submission of this document.

While we still fully support the Park District's original plan to combine the Elder and Centennial parks and beaches, the October 8th, 2021 Village of Winnetka letter of support did not contemplate the inclusion of steel privacy screens on the north and south portions of the WPD properties.

You have received communications stating otherwise, specifically a letter dated April 27th, 2022 from a consultant of the Winnetka Park District. The April 27th, 2022 permit application cover letter from Shabica and Associates seems to infer that the Village of Winnetka letter of support validated the inclusion of the privacy screens in its endorsement of the project. Please be advised that the Village Council wishes to clarify that our October 8th, 2021 correspondence was solely intended to support the overall vision to consolidate and expand the current beaches (Centennial and Elder). The addition of the privacy screens or any such similar installations to the permit application was not contemplated when we registered our support. While no mention of the privacy screens was included in our original letter, we wish to clarify that our continued support of the beach consolidation does not extend to the installation of any sort of visual or security screening.

Please append this clarification to our original letter so that the record indicates our continued conditional support with the exclusion of the privacy screens. Given the volume of passionate concerns voiced by residents over the addition of the screen, we urge you to consider approval of the project without this installation. Our residents highly value our lakefront, and the inclusion of these barriers would run contrary to the enjoyment of one of our most treasured natural resources.

Sincerely,

The Village of Winnetka Village Council

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3 May, 2022

Subject
Comment: Shore Protection/Public Beach Project, in Lake Michigan, at Elder and Centennial Parks,in Winnetka IL

Having read the public notices by USACE and IDNR, I request that this permit be denied at this time to provide an opportunity for local general public hearings to be held concerning the following issues: First and foremost, the plan violates the Public Trust Doctrine. Second, there are design deficiencies.

Public Trust Doctrine

The Public Trust Doctrine, first applied to Lake Michigan by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Illinois Central Railroad Company v. Illinois*. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) in its white paper *State of Illinois Coastal Management Program*, gives its interpretation of case law from the public trust doctrine as applied to ownership of the beach:

> Beach accretion of sand or gravel by natural or artificial means for which the riparian owner is not responsible, that accreted above-water beach area belongs to the riparian owner. Case law does not grant private ownership of any beach area resulting from the entrapment or retention of sand caused by construction of any type of shore structure. Because of a long history of constructing numerous private groins along the North Shore (Keef 2002; and Shabica et. al. 2004), there are many such areas of accreted beach. However, any beach area that is artificially accreted beach is legally public.

There are many artificial structures north of Elder Lane park to the Cherry street access as well as south of Centennial Park to the Kenilworth Beach consisting of groins peers and breakwaters. According to IDNR's statement above, all of the sand entrapped by these artificial structures are public beaches. The Winnetka Park District and Orchard 2020 are obstructing and in some cases denying the public access to these public beaches with their planned planter pockets-rock wall with louvers from the ordinary high water mark (OHWM) stretching some 160 feet into Lake Michigan.

The sad aspect of this current plan is that Orchard 2020, co-planners of this permit application, and the Winnetka Park District have chosen to ignore the Public Trust Doctrine. They could have presented a plan, which provided constrained or limited public access to State owned lands through Orchard 2020. Even more harm to the Public Trust is the provision of a similar rock wall – fence on the north side of the park, which prevents access to yet more State-owned land. Mitigation of bluff erosion can and should be designed and constructed to facilitate along-shore walking beach access to preserve access to State owned land, while respecting an owners riparian rights. There is no need to have the fence to the north to protect Orchard 2020's

privacy. It is believed that north fence-wall is located there because of possible off swimming season dog use. Currently the Village of Winnetka is discussing a dog beach at the Tower Rd Beach.

Alternate Solutions to Privacy for Orchard 2020

There are many potential solutions for providing limited access to the waterline crossing the Orchard 2020 property line.

a. Provide styles through an appropriately designed fence. There are many possibilities of style designs, including but not limited to electronic gate passes, Park District monitored NEST system, etc.
b. Village of Winnetka provides more access at one of more rights of way at ends of streets leading to Lake Michigan to compensate for loss at Centennial

Details of Prohibitions of Access to State-Owned Land

1) If the breakwater is built as shown – without specifically designed
   - access stairs over the boulder rip rap in cross section CC shown in Shabica Figures 3 and 4 below on page 4 or/and
   - passage over planter pocket, and through lovers shown in cross sections FF and GG in Shabica Figures 6 and 7 below on page 5 with annotations

   the public will not be able to walk the beach below or at the OHWM (581.5) between two current public points of access: Kenilworth Beach and Cherry Street access.
   a. Do the neighbors south of Orchard 2020 know that they will be inhibited from walking to Centennial beach to use its facilities?
2) The proposed breakwater without adequate provision for easy crossing creates a restriction of beach access that will inhibit beach rescue of disabled boaters south of Centennial beach from Centennial beach
3) This plan does not follow Winnetka Park District practices and designs approved by the Army Corps of Engineers and Illinois Department of Natural Resources for the design of the breakwater at Lloyd beach and at 771 Sheridan Rd. As shown in the photo on page 5 of this comment document of the rubble breakwater at Lloyd beach The stairs (the more reddish rock) allow access to the beach. The sign reminds both the walker and the owner of their rights and responsibilities.
   a. No cross section similar to CC of the breakwater is provided that contains a stairway design.
      i. Why is such a detailed design not required?
      ii. This breakwater essentially is a 4.5 foot high rubble stone wall at OHWM of 581.5 and 11 feet high at lake elevation of 575 shown on Shabica Figure 4 and that blocks beach access as shown on the attached cross section CC annotated with the addition of a 6 foot high person for scale.
   b. No cross section similar to FF and GG of the planter pocket is provided that contains a stairway or lateral beach access design.
      i. Why is such a detailed design not required?

ii. This planter pocket is essentially is a 4 foot high rubble stone wall at beach elevation 587 as drawn in Shabica Figure 7. A Shabica Figure 7 cross section FF (with appropriate heights) is annotated with the addition of a 6 foot high person for scale.

c. No cross section similar to FF and GG of the louver fence is provided that contains an opening for lateral beach access.
   i. Why is such a detailed design not required?
   ii. This louver/fence is essentially another 6.5 foot high barrier at beach elevation 587 as drawn in Shabica Figure 7. A Shabica Figure 7 cross section FF is annotated with the addition of a 6 foot high person for scale.

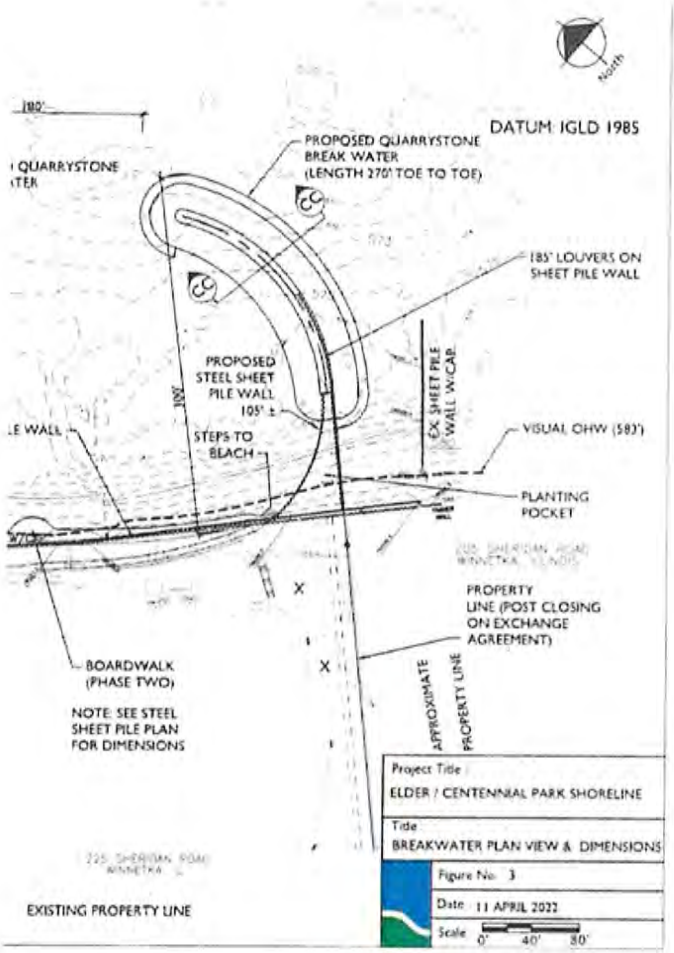
Design Deficiency

4) This plan provides no detail to show that the Planter Pockets will be stable under storm wave attack. Cross sections FF and GG are not a design and show no relation to design storm wave action. For instance, there are no cross ties of the two lines of sheet piles that form the planter pockets. These ties are necessary to keep the tops of the sheet piles from spreading. If the tops spread, the louver fence will fail. There is no tip depth shown for the sheet pile walls.
5) The planter pocket and louvers (extending onto the stone breakwaters) will drastically alter the lake view vista and impede a panorama view (as currently available) from Elder Lane and Centennial Parks. As shown on page 6 of the comment, the lake will be visible only through 40 the available 90 degree view. This unique design of planter pockets and steel louvers (in essence border walls) were not part of the 2030 Winnetka Waterfront Plan (shown on page 7 of this comment) and appear to have little to no technical purpose for beach restoration and protection.
6) The planter pocket and louvers are a unique design not previously seen on the Lake Michigan shoreline. If approved and permits issued, the design will become precedent on the Lake Michigan shoreline and beachfront property owners will move forward to build high fortress fences to further impede the public's access to public beach land.

I respectfully request that this matter be set for formal hearing for the reasons set forth above.

Charles H Dowding

[redacted]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VISUAL OHW (583')
STEPS TO BEACH
PLANTING POCKET
PROPERTY LINE (POST CLOSING ON EXCHANGE AGREEMENT)
APPROXIMATE PROPERTY LINE
BOARDWALK (PHASE TWO)
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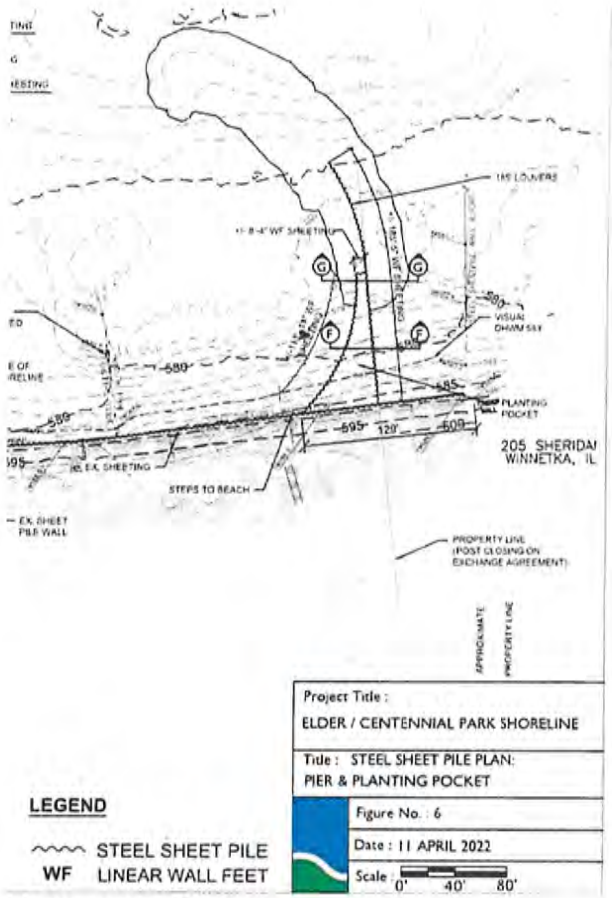
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WINNETKA, IL
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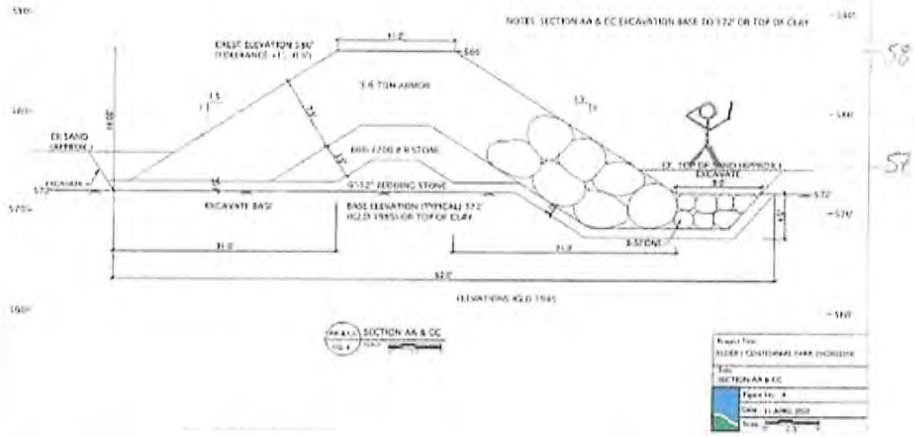
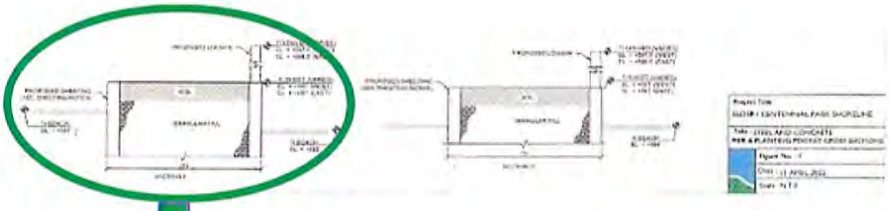
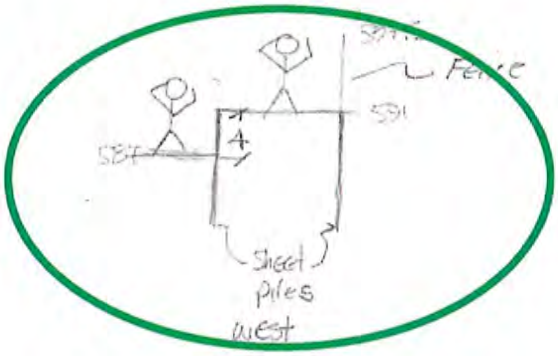
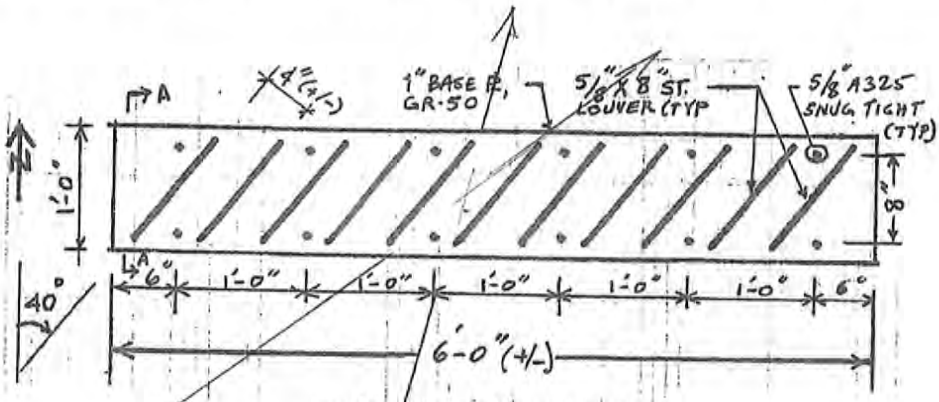






Shabica figures 4 and 7 annotated to show heights relative to a 6 foot high stick figure.

Photo of Winnetka Park District provision of Public Trust Doctrine beach access at Lloyd Park



TYP LOUVER PANEL
N.T.S

Through View
40°

Mmax = 1775 in-lb/in (page 9R)
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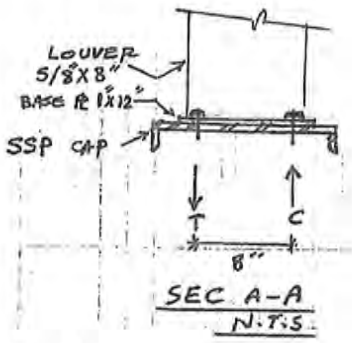

SEC A-A
N.T.S

Per Table J3.1 (AISC, 14th Ed.), A325 bolts are in Group A.

Allowable tension, rn/Ω = 13.8 kips for 5/8" dia. A325
(Table 7-2, AISC, 14th Ed.)

C = T = 3.6 k/bolt OKAY

Use 5/8" dia. A325 snug tight @ 12" spacing, per layout shown above, H.D., galvanized.

Note bolts are a bit oversized to allow for future corrosion, cross-sectional area loss, and fatigue stresses.

2/55

2030 Winnetka Waterfront Plan
Final concept for Elder and Centennial Parks combined 1/20/2016

- A Rubble-mound breakwater structure
- B Stormwater management improvements
- C Secure non-motorized water craft storage
- D Existing boat house improvements
- E Boardwalk improvements
- F Dune landscape restoration
- G Bluff restoration
- H Expand surface parking
- I Nature based play area
- J Construct a new upper-level restroom building
- K Vehicular circulation improvements and retaining walls
- L Lifeguard stations
- M New sheet-pile groin
- N Renovate single-family home into new beachfront event space
- O New beach house

Ordinary High Water Mark; Lake Michigan by

State of Michigan 580.5
https://www.michigan.gov/egle/about/organization/Water-Resources/submerged-lands/ordinary-high-water-mark-ohwm

USACE 581.5

From: Wobig, Loren
To: Kessen, James; Casey, James
Subject: FW: [External] Centennial Elder Lane Park in Winnetka plans
Date: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:31:01 PM

-----Original Message-----
From: Neva Egan [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:17 PM
To: Wobig, Loren <Loren.Wobig@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Centennial Elder Lane Park in Winnetka plans

Hello Loren,
I would like to express my concern that the current plans for Centennial Elder Lane Park in Winnetka plans block current lake views and public access to the beaches, in violation of the Illinois Public Trust Doctrine and Illinois state law.
My family and I enjoy walking in Centennial and Elder Lane parks and enjoying the panoramic views from the bluffs and the beaches. I think this would be a great loss to our community and the common good if these plans are approved as currently proposed.
Thank you,
Neva Egan

[redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Jyothula, Venkata
To: Casey, James
Cc: Kessen, James
Subject: FW: Public Notice for LRC-2021-454
Date: Monday, May 23, 2022 9:36:35 AM
Attachments: IDNR Public Notice.pdf

Public Comment.

From: Dailey, Brendan <DaileyB@mwrd.org>
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2022 9:34 AM
To: Jyothula, Venkata <Venkata.Jyothula@Illinois.gov>
Cc: Schuessler, Joseph <SchuesslerJ@mwrd.org>
Subject: [External] FW: Public Notice for LRC-2021-454

Mr. Jyothula,
The MWRD received the attached public notice regarding the proposed shore protection/public beach project in Lake Michigan at Elder and Centennial Parks in Winnetka.

A Watershed Management Ordinance (WMO) permit is required for the work. The MWRD also sent this comment to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (see email below for reference.)

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Brendan J. Dailey
Principal Attorney
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

[redacted]

From: Schuessler, Joseph <SchuesslerJ@mwrd.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 1:53 PM
To: Soren.G.Hall@usace.army.mil.; kimberly.j.kubiak@usace.army.mil
Cc: Durkin, Maureen <DurkinM@mwrd.org>; Dailey, Brendan <DaileyB@mwrd.org>
Subject: FW: Public Notice for LRC-2021-454

Soren,

MWRD has reviewed the Public Notice and has determined that a MWRD Watershed Management Ordinance (WMO) Permit is required for the work described. We have already received permit application (22-144), but the scope of work covered under the current version of 22-144 includes only the storm sewer outfall. However, the proposed work in the flood protection area also requires approval under a WMO permit. MWRD will contact the applicant to inform them of this

requirement and let them know the options for approval (resubmit under 22-144, submit a separate permit application for the work in the flood protection area, or obtain a permit from Winnetka as an Authorized Municipality).

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks.

Joe
Joseph M. Schuessler, P.E., CFM
Principal Civil Engineer
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

From: Kubiak, Kimberly J CIV USARMY CELRC (USA) <kimberly.j.kubiak@usace.army.mil> **On Behalf Of** LRCREGWEB, LRC
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2022 3:05 PM
To: Hall, Soren G CIV USARMY CELRC (USA) <Soren.G.Hall@usace.army.mil>
Subject: Public Notice for LRC-2021-454

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Chicago District

Public Notice: LRC-2021-454

Comment Period Expires: 23 May 2022

Applicants:
John Peterson, Winnetka Park District
Peter Lee (Trustee), Orchard Revocable Trust

Proposed Action: Proposal to expand the public beach facilities at Elder Lane and Centennial Parks at 225-299 Sheridan Road in Winnetka, Cook County, Illinois.

The Project Manager is Mr. Soren Hall, please send all written comments to Soren Hall. Contact Information for Soren Hall is listed in the Public Notice.

For The Complete Public Notice Please Visit:
http://www.lrc.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Public-Notices/
Or
https://www.lrc.usace.army.mil/Portals/36/docs/regulatory/publicnotices/LRC-2021-454PN.pdf

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From: Snow, Renee
To: Casey, James
Subject: Fwd: [External] Winnetka Steel Wall
Date: Monday, May 30, 2022 6:10:30 PM

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Renee.snow@illinois.gov

From: ANNE MCNERNEY <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 30, 2022 1:43:33 PM
To: Snow, Renee <Renee.Snow@illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Winnetka Steel Wall

Dear IDNR reps,
Please to not pass this request. Our beaches are a beautiful natural environment. They must be preserved. This wall will ruin the natural beauty we love on Lake Michigan.
Anne McNerney

Sent from my iPhone

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Thank you for your consideration of the 'swap' of land that has been proposed at the above mentioned parks in the Village of Winnetka. It has been a 'dream' to have these two parks be combined into one park. At the present time there is a separation with a privately held residence - 261 Sheridan Rd. This is a second chance to acquire 261 Sheridan. Lack of available funds prevented the purchase years ago. The original swap that had been proposed — seemed ideal. Somehow, the design changed and the new proposal has a steel fencing (louvres?) that will extend from west to east across the park land, across the beach and into Lake Michigan. At its height on the west end being approximately 13' high — 13 feet??? Why so high? (We don't know any 13' tall people who could peer into the private property it will protect). This same steel fencing will the gradually taper across the beach and into the waters of Lake Michigan, preventing access for people to walk along the waters edge that extends for miles. Sounds illegal to keep people from walking in the shallow water along the edge of Lake Michigan? Yes, it is illegal.

The Winnetka Park District has 5 beaches. Lloyd Beach is newly renovated, beautiful and functional. There is not fencing at any of the beaches/parks so high as proposed here. All of the lakefront parks have fencing and all are within the accepted guide lines. The height and length of the steel fencing proposed for this project is not within the state guidelines, as one cannot have a continuous opportunity to walk the shoreline This project is setting an unacceptable precedent for other property owners to take it upon themselves to break the law and not allow people to walk the shores of our beautiful Lake Michigan.

Please do not approve this plan as currently proposed. There are so many more "natural and aesthetically pleasing" options for protecting our shoreline.

Would this be a nice option for residents and non-residents to have the two separated parks be one continuous piece of property? Yes indeed, but if steel fencing that extends out into Lake Michigan and also 13 feet high into the atmosphere is how it will happen, then **"No" is the response for the swap.**

Many people have enjoyed the parks as they exist now since 1968 - over 50 years. Winnetka Park District will renovate the shorelines and people will continue to enjoy the beaches. Would it be nice to have one continuous park? **Yes, but not with the current proposal.**

Please consider the people of our communities - resident and non-resident, consider the public beach that is everyones right to walk the waterline in Illinois and the overall stark look of this plan. Keep natural products as part of the plan - not steel fencing.

Thank you for understanding my concerns. Winnetka Park District Commissioners cannot continue with the plan as it is proposed. Apparently, some have been blind sighted.

Mary Garrison [redacted]

BRIAN L. HOMANS

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Email [redacted]

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Copy Mr. Soren Hall, USACE Chicago Region, Regulatory Division

Re: LRC-2021-454
Public Beach Project at Elder and Centennial Parks in Winnetka, IL

Dear Mr. Casey and Mr. Hall,

I have read the Winnetka beach application and have the following comments:

1. The described design bears little resemblance to the Winnetka Waterfront 2030 excerpts that accompany the application. In particular, the WW2030 Phase 2 plan (PDF page 29/111) does not show the central pier with north and south breakwaters (see PDF page 101/111). Anyone who participated in the Winnetka Waterfront 2030 design would be surprised by many of the features in the final application.
2. The height of the louvered walls nearest the shore are unclear from the written summary and narratives. It is very difficult to make an informed comment without suitable scaled drawings. The application only includes architectural elevations on the last two pages. These seem to indicate that the south breakwater louvers range in height from about 7.8 ft to 1.5 ft. The north louvers height range is 6.7 ft to 1.5 ft. These dimensions differ from the 8" w x 3.6' high x 5/8" thick panels described in the Breakwater Baffle Structural Design on PDF page 62/111 in the application. The applicant should clearly disclose and depict the height of the louvered walls.
3. The AECOM structural analysis is based on a baffle height of 3.6 ft. Justification for the apparent change in height should be provided in the application.
4. Accurate architectural renderings would help the public assess the scale and visual impact of the project. The provided renderings in the Winnetka Waterfront 2030 excerpts (PDF pp 30-31) are for another design and are misleading.

I trust that you will consider my comments and reject the subject incomplete and deceptive application.

Very truly yours,

Brian L. Homans

Brian L. Homans

May 24, 2022

Laurie Morse

Mr. Soren Hall
USACE, Chicago Region, Regulatory Branch
231 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1500

Chicago, IL 60604-1437

Copy: Mr. James Casey
Office of Water Resources
160 N. LaSalle Street, S-702
Chicago, Il 60601

RE: LRC-2021-454

COMMENTS ON APPROPRIATENESS, PUBLIC ACCESS, ADA ACCESSABILITY, AND CLIMATE RESILIENCY

Dear Mr. Hall and Mr. Casey:

Having read the permit application for LRC-2021-454 (Winnetka Park District and Orchard Partners as agents for 261 Sheridan Rd. landowner Justin Ishbia) I have a central question:

Does this proposal deliver significant value to the people of Illinois, and serve folks who wish to continue to enjoy free access to the public waters of Lake Michigan? The applicants have not demonstrated why such an expensive structure is necessary to achieve shore protection, nor promised us that they won't impose the usual institutional barriers used to bar most of the public from using Winnetka's beaches.

There are other options, and you (and the Public) should see them before your offices make decisions on permits. The Winnetka Park Board has not approved the design described in the LRC-2021-454 application. This massive, louvered design wasn't part of the Winnetka 2030 plan. I doubt what's been submitted would survive a funding referendum in the Village. Please send back this plan and ask the applicants for a more modest proposal.

It is important we understand Winnetka's beaches are enjoyed by very few, mostly white, mostly wealthy individuals. Those of us used to enjoying the free lakefront in Chicago may not be aware of the obstacles and expense of getting to or onto the water in the Cook County suburbs.

As I write, (May 11, 2022) at 7:30 in the evening, the temperature in Naperville and other western suburbs is 87 degrees, cooling slightly from a daytime high of 93. But the temperature in Winnetka this evening is 60 degrees, down from the high of 88.

We can't make decisions in these times that allow local authorities to co-opt the state's Lake Michigan beaches and deprive the true owners of these lands (everyone in the state) from the Lake's cool waters and breezes. How can anyone think there is climate justice in this? Improved access? This application is a recipe for limiting access. For walls and fences. For keeping "others" out.

Winnetka is one of the more restrictive suburban lakefront communities. If you don't buy a season's pass, you aren't allowed to swim on a Winnetka beach on holidays or weekends (Thursdays through Sundays). If you're a non-resident, and wish swim at a Winnetka Beach without a season pass, you will be admitted to a beach only on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday and must pay at least $120 for a family of six to swim for a day. Parking not included.

This Elder Lane/Centennial Park design may cost $10 million to build (WPD estimate). Why would Federal and State agencies permit such an expensive and elaborate structure when we know Winnetka will recover the cost by charging user fees too expensive for the majority of the population of this state to afford? Winnetka is doing that at the Lloyd boat beach this year: levying a 10% "beach improvement surcharge" on top of substantial admission fees for boaters. There are no day passes at Lloyd. To enter the water at Lloyd in Winnetka in 2022 you must be fortunate enough to have both a boat and a season pass.

The permits your offices issue are for erosion control. Most features of this design-- the pier; the double steel walls and the "louver fence" add little shore protection, but millions in cost. The expense of this design ensures the public's access will be limited by fees and gates on the landward side, and by 20' walls of stone and steel shoreward far out into the Lake.

The design cages in a beach and fills the lake to little benefit. The applicants should be required to pull out the existing rotting concrete and steel they have failed to maintain along Elder beach; take down the long bluff-top fence that restricts human access to Centennial, and go back to the design stage to find more modest means to prevent bluff erosion.

There is no urgency here. The lake level is falling; there is plenty of sand between the lake and the shore at this location. The Elder/Centennial beaches have the potential to be something natural and wonderful. Ask the applicants to hire a study to restore this area with shore plants and dune features. Let people enjoy the beach free of charge. Let this be an experiment in openness and restoration.

The design you are reviewing is massive and hideous, but you must consider the hidden ugliness proposed: In addition to stone walls and iron fences across this lovely shoreline and 23,000 tons of imported sand that snuffs out any possibility of a natural ecosystem, permits for this project ensure the shore is dead to most anyone and any creature now enjoying it. This Disneyland of engineered walls, fences and fill will be approachable only through a golden gate most people can't afford.

The Winnetka Park District has two fine swimming beaches at Tower Road and Maple Street, and recently Winnetka used your permits to fill Lake Michigan at Lloyd Ave. The community

enjoys the gold standard of Illinois beaches: two life-guarded swimming beaches and a separate shore-protected beach just for boating. None are free.

With these marvelous assets in place, how does the public benefit further from an engineered beach with massive walls, piers and fences that block the shore in every direction? Have the applicants demonstrated this massive fill will give the public more access, rather than less? Can they demonstrate the loss of cross-beach access, loss of view, loss of safety, and the end of natural resilience this plan represents will be offset by its erosion control benefits? I think not.

ADA ACCESSABILITY

I've spent much of my life putting people in boats: Children; high school teams; senior citizens; wounded veterans, people suffering from blindness, mental health challenges, and mobility impairments. With proper tools and assistance, everyone is capable of enjoying, and feeling the success of paddling on Lake Michigan, be it in a canoe; kayak, rowing shell, outrigger or paddleboard.

The correct design to facilitate safe people-powered boating would include a floating dock (maybe 150 ft long) secured to shore with a minimal concrete stub and anchored lakeward. The dock, similar to what we see at our high school rowing centers, can be removed and installed seasonally and can be reconfigured when recreational programming requires it.

There are no plans for a dock in Winnetka, and none exists on other Winnetka beaches. The high rocky pier cutting this beach in half will prevent folks from getting on the water. The Park District is asking for your permission to engineer permanent features in the lake that will be hazardous to swimmers, walkers, and small-craft boaters of any ability.

If there was a dock, instead of the dangerous rock pier in the design, people would be able to launch safely onto the lake, especially if the dock accommodates ADA-compliant launch systems, like "EZ-docks" or others of similar design. **Here is a link to these products if you aren't familiar with them: https://www.ez-dock.com/products/ez-launch/**

As far as I know, the only ADA-compliant non-motorized boat launch on the Illinois shore of Lake Michigan was installed in Waukegan Harbor a few years ago. There is a huge need. The Corps and the IDNR must accommodate safe boating access for all people. They need to incorporate this requirement into all Lake Michigan permits for Park District beach improvement projects. ADA-compliant access into the water wasn't required in the Lloyd permits. The same applicant again neglects the special needs of the public by not including safe ADA-compliant boat launch designs in this project. Please don't allow that.

And how about getting people up and down the bluff to this beach?

There are solutions that don't involve cars on the beach or roads on the bluff. Kenilworth Beach has an elevator. Glencoe employs a golf cart to get people and gear down the hill to the beach. Equally important for ADA access, the cart is there to take people back up the hill to their cars when they are done enjoying the beach for the day. This service is free. Anyone can use it. Winnetka doesn't do this. Winnetka has golf carts, but these are or staff use.

What is the Winnetka Park District's plan for getting people up and down the bluff at Elder/Centennial? Plans that might negate the need for some of the paving in this design? Plans that will open these beaches to those are fenced out for mobility reasons? Access policies should not be after-thoughts. They should be woven into the engineering design at the earliest stages.

We don't see that here. This design wrongly assumes special needs visitors will be few and far between; that they won't want to enter the water; and that somehow once down the hill, they will have powered means of their own to get back up again. These assumptions are barriers to access. It isn't enough to have a road and a boardwalk. Winnetka needs to demonstrate it is committed to providing accessible transport service daily for everyone.

Does the Winnetka plan connect the beaches to its train stations?

Real public access requires transit connections. State and Federal permits have the power to make this happen.

Winnetka's resident-only beach parking and its failure to connect beaches to transit hubs are institutional methods of privatizing beach access. Can the applicants please supply a comprehensive plan for getting people from the train stations to the beaches during the swimming season? And provide evidence the Village and the Park District support and will fund such a plan?

Without these, your permits will tie up 1,000 feet of Lake Michigan beach; fuel more paved parking, and keep the proposed beach from use by the majority of this county. The application says the proposed beach is "suitable for Winnetka." What about the rest of us? If this beach is ONLY for Winnetka, it can't be permitted. The community needs to commit to being open to all; to commit to arranging transit connections before this application proceeds.

This beach and its shoreline belong to ALL of the citizens of Illinois. The IDNR is the steward of these lands, and under the Rivers, Lakes and Streams Act is required to keep them public and accessible to everyone.

Here are other questions for the applicants:

1. Can the Winnetka Park District pledge the proposed Centennial/Elder engineered "beaches" will be free of charge to all who come?

2. If not, what will entry cost? Does the Winnetka Park District intend to continue to discriminate between residents and non-resident beach users by charging higher fees for those who can't afford to live in Winnetka?

3. How high will the top of those dual steel sheet pilings be from the current beach height? The application doesn't say. And when the steel fences are attached to the top of the pilings what will the total height be at the toe of the bluff, which the public can currently traverse on level ground?

4. Are there no steps or stiles over these walls in the proposed design because it is the intent of the applicants not to allow all comers to cross the beach? Is Winnetka worried that someone might enter without paying? Why should anyone pay for what is free today? It is USACE practice to require stairs or stiles over these structures. Can the applicants please provide this information?

5. What assistance can be included in this plan to get people up and over these walls, across the new beach, and over and down the other side?

6. The renderings in the application aren't accurate, and the public and reviewers need actual measurements – and not from the post-fill neighboring elevations, but from the existing conditions (elevations) today. Once planted and matured, how high will the combined breakwater/sheet pile walls, louvered steel fences, and trees be in relation to the current GLD height of the sand? Scale drawings would help.

7. If I paddle along the Lake and land on the proposed new beach, will I be allowed to stay? Can the applicants clarify their policies re people visiting via paddle craft? Will we be shouted away by the lifeguards? Be asked to pay? Be asked to leave? These policies need to be received, filed with the application, and be written into permit terms and conditions, should any permits be issued.

8. Does the Winnetka Park District plan to discriminate between residents and non-residents in regards to beach access? To parking east of Sheridan Road?

9. **Why wouldn't more modest breakwaters, without the steel fences atop them, and no rocky central pier be a better option for the people of Illinois?**

The following data would be useful to the public and your permit review:

- How many season beach passes (for swimming) has the Winnetka Park District issued for the summer of 2022? How many were sold to Winnetka residents? To non-residents? This will give you basic information on how many people have access to the Lake in Winnetka this summer.
- Details on any 2022 reciprocal agreements the Winnetka PD has with non-lakefront communities to increase affordable Lake Michigan access. For example, Glencoe Park District (population 8,800) offers all Northbrook residents (population 33,000) season passes to Glencoe Beach for $35. I understand Winnetka has ended its reciprocal access arrangements. Can the applicants please confirm?
- 2020 Census information for Winnetka, especially population, racial make-up, and the average income. Compare these to the census numbers for Cook County. Will this project exacerbate a racial divide already obvious on north suburban beaches? Would

a permit for this type of beach be better awarded in a different place, to increase equity on the Illinois shore?

- Can the Park District please detail how it plans to move people from its transportation centers to its beaches in ways that provide "greater public access" as stated in the application?

- Then there is Winnetka's practice of fencing off its Lake Michigan road-end access points. Winnetka has at least six road-end public beaches on Lake Michigan, and at this writing, they are fenced off to residents and non-residents alike. Why hasn't the Winnetka Park District advocated for open access to the road end beaches? These smaller neighborhood access points, with less associated in-lake development, would be lighter on the land, far less costly, and accommodate many visitors. Opening them is one alternative to the design in this application, would connect all the beaches and improve public access all along the Winnetka shore.

Thank you for your attention to these comments. Please expect another set of comments before the June 2, 2022 deadline addressing insufficient wetland mitigation in this proposal and the odd contractual arrangements between the co-applicants that appear to benefit the private billionaire owner of 261 Sheridan.

Thank you,

Laurie Morse

CC: The offices of Senator Dick Durbin

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The offices of Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky

June 2, 2022

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Re: Public Beach Project, in Lake Michigan at Elder and Centennial Parks, Winnetka, IL
LRC-2021-454

Copy: Mr. Soren Hall, USACE, Chicago Region, Regulatory Branch; delivered via e-mail.

Dear Mr. Casey:

I don't understand how a Lake Michigan fill project of this size and design made it to the public notice stage.

1. The IDNR's guidelines say these lake fill structures should be comparable in height, length, and features to in-lake structures in the area. There are no permitted structures on the Illinois shore with louvered steel fences welded upon 10-ft steel sheet pile walls extending hundreds of feet into the lake. The "louvered fence" in this proposal is unacceptable. There isn't anything like this on any shoreline of the Great Lakes.

2. The steel fences serve no purpose for shore protection. That the AECOM report was commissioned to justify the "louvered" walls tells us the applicants know steel fences on the beach are not acceptable. The AECOM report (Executive Summary) contains nothing to prompt the IDNR or the USACE to change permit evaluation rules in this case or any future cases.

3. The AECOM engineering report tests the safety and resilience of the steel louvers at a 3.6 foot length, but the elevations on page 111 of the digital application indicate the steel louvers in the design will be as tall as 8 feet, and mostly rise 6 feet above the steel pilings for the majority of the length of the North and South breakwaters. These blades, should their bolts fail, could fly off and harm people. We shouldn't have to guess if they are safe and resilient in 6 to 8 feet lengths. AECOM does not calculate stress on 6-8 foot louvers, but there are almost 100 in the design.

4. Is it correct to conclude from the drawings (application pages 101 through 111 on the digital document) that more than 100,000 cubic yards of lakebed and resting sand will be carved away to provide footing for the pier and three breakwaters? And there will be no pollution controls to limit the pollution (dirt, silt, clay fines) entering the lake during construction?

5. There are no structures on the Illinois shore that block the beach with double barriers that are euphemistically called "planters" in this application. Again, a bad precedent that shouldn't be

permitted. The applicants have been clear that they do not intend to provide reasonable access over and around this baffling structure on the landward side. There should be no exceptions to your guidelines requiring landward access over or around.

6. I have reviewed dozens of shore protection permit applications from the Lake County border to Evanston, and none fill an acre or more of the Lake to "enhance" a beach. This plan is industrial in size. It will permanently damage the lake bed and change the nature of miles of Illinois shoreline. It will smother the beach with 30,000 tons of imported sand. And to what end? Elder and Centennial are contiguous portions of a rare ecosystem. Once buried, these beaches can't be restored.

7. The State has every evidence that Winnetka intends to violate your Part 3704 rules and privatize this 1,070 feet of open shoreline. (Please see my comments dated May 24, 2022, and also see the Chicago Council's September 22, 2020 report "The Right to Shoreline: Race, Exclusion, and Public Beaches in Metropolitan Chicago.)" (1) If the State endorses this exclusionary design with a permit, Illinois will perpetuate long-standing class and race divides that have no place here, in this century. This proposal doesn't begin to have benefits sufficient to offset the this harm.

8. The public today can walk without obstruction or fee from Elder Lane beach downshore 1,070 feet or more and back. A permit for this design will impair the public's existing rights to walk on the level beach; to land without fear of encountering rock piles when approaching by paddle, sail or motor craft, and to swim along the shallow shoreline without being pushed 400 feet lakeward by the proposed rock fill, into deep and often turbulent waters. The applicants shrug off the loss of these rights. The State should not.

9. IDNR guidelines say shore protection structures should be no larger than needed to protect the subject property. This design is far larger than needed for shore protection. The applicants should be satisfied with a design that permits removal of worn-out existing in-lake structures at Elder, and encloses the existing stormwater outflow in a 125-ft breakwater at the north end of the beach. The IDNR's and the USACE's priorities at this location should be to preserve this shoreline from over-development.

10. The IDNR and the Corps should not be distracted by color drawings in a 2030 plan for Winnetka, nor by the failed dynamics of a land swap contract between the co-applicants. This beach and the Lake bottom belong to the State, with the IDNR acting as steward for all of us. The IDNR and the Corps should care little about "what Winnetka wants", or how the design is "in keeping with the Winnetka 2030 plan" (it isn't). State and federal regulators should be concerned only with limiting development on this beach. This shoreline represents a rare thing: space for habitat restoration for endangered shore and nearshore species.

11. I could ask your offices to require an environmental impact study to assess how this fill will harm the shore and nearshore ecosystems, including migratory or nesting birds; native fish and plants; and wildlife. I won't. The IDNR never asks for an impact study for these permits, and hasn't for this application. Is that because most of what we'd like to save on this shore has been extirpated through years of neglect and lack of stewardship?

It isn't too late for habitat restoration and stewardship here. If this proposal is built the lake bottom will be carved out; the sand fill will be groomed by machines and annual sand "enrichment" within the enclosure and on neighboring beaches won't allow habitat recovery. If it **isn't** built, the existing conditions are sufficient to plan for habitat restoration and the return of some species. We're seeing rare species return at the Waukegan shore and at Montrose Beach in Chicago. Winnetka is in between, and the beach reach on this site is large enough to make a difference.

12. The IDNR needs to have a talk with the co-applicants, who believe they have a deal to swap real estate parcels that include a Lake Michigan beach. You know beach ownership in Illinois moves landward and lakeward according to lake level, and that the co-applicants need permission for construction because they don't own the shore. We do. The State needs to be rigorous in preserving public ownership rights here. The application mis-represents land ownership and then tries to distract the Public with land swaps.

13. The Forest Park Beach in Lake Forest, mentioned in the application as an example for Winnetka, should have taught the IDNR and the Corps what not to do: create pocket beaches that concentrate waste and bacteria (see item 14); which must be mechanically groomed at the expense of habitat for birds or animals; and haven't successfully enhanced underwater habitat for native fish or fry. Further, the Chicago Council study describes Forest Park Beach as an exclusionary place. (1) The people of Illinois don't need another beach like Forest Park.

14. Your permit guidelines and those of the Corps don't acknowledge the bacteria and toxin concentrations in the water at pocket beaches like this. Please refer to the data in the Beach Guard reporting system available on-line through the Illinois Department of Public Health. In 2019 (the last reasonable beach health reporting year prior COVID), you'll see the Forest Park beach was closed to swimmers 17 days because of high bacteria concentrations. Swimming at Highland Park's Rosewood Beach (also a system of pocket beach rock enclosures) was closed due to high *e. coli* concentrations 25 days that same summer.

    In contrast, Tower Road beach in Winnetka, with its open strand, was closed due to bacteria only 11 days in 2019, and Maple Street beach in Winnetka, also an open strand, was closed 10 days. This dirty data apparently hasn't been shared with the Winnetka Park Board. Why build a beach that might be closed 20 percent of the summer because of contaminated water?

15. IDNR guidelines say projects should provide some type of reasonable human access over or around on the landward side. The applicants haven't included these features. This speaks loudly to the applicants' intention to create barricades rather than beaches for all. That is not in keeping with the IDNR's stewardship of these lands and waters for the good of all people.

16. Mitigation. The Corps requires offsetting mitigation for Lake Michigan fill projects. The applications claims the project itself counts as mitigation. That the rocks might become fish habitat. That's ridiculous. Native fish don't use giant rocks for reproduction. Their fry need warm

level shallows, not deep water boulders. Can the applicants produce recent studies showing evidence native fish populations benefit from rock and steel breakwaters?

Structure height and size of lake fill?

Even now, at the end of the notice period, details of the height and width of the walls and extent of the fill are not clear. There is nothing in the application that tells us how much flat shoreline will remain once the rocks and sand are placed. We are given the crest width of the breakwaters, planters and piers. We're given breakwater and pier widths on the lake bottom, but no data on the amount of lakebed down cutting the project will require.

There is only one elevation in the application. There are plans and cross sections, but without more and better elevations it is hard to competently evaluate this proposal.

The application refers to "an acre" of fill, but this appears to be the USACE measure, which counts only the part of the lake bottom which will be dug up and covered by quarrystone. Destruction of an acre of public trust lands is unacceptable. But we know the real calculus of loss is much larger, since the plan also includes 23,200 cubic yards of sand as fill. Can you or the applicant please provide the entire fill area including sand? Is it 2 acres? Three? Four?

The application says Winnetka plans to take 1070 feet of shoreline, wall it in with curving breakwaters that reach 300 feet into the lake; topped off by a bolted steel fence. And there will be a wide T-shaped pier in the center that further blocks the view and fills the water. The enclosure at the lake end allows only 150 feet of open water at the north side of the pier, and 180 feet on the south side. Only these narrow breaks in the wall will remain accessible to the lake from this beach, where there are now boundless views and boundless freedom to navigate from and to the shore. Isn't enclosing Lake Michigan against the law?

Habitat improvement—restoration potential: "protect and improve coastal habitat for the species that use them" IDNR Coast Zone Management, program priority #1.

The IDNR Office of Water Resources should prioritize the same goals endorsed by the IDNR Coastal Management Program: the FUTURE health of this shoreline. The IDNR Coastal Management Program's number one priority to advance coastal management in Illinois is: **"Habitats and Species:** Protect and improve coastal habitats for the species that use them"

There is a secondary CMP goal for recreational access on the shoreline, but Winnetka hasn't been identified as a needy area for access. Winnetka already has two fine public swimming beaches, and your office in 2020 granted this community a lake fill permit for a separate boating beach that was built recently at Lloyd Avenue. The community has the option to build an enclosed swimming pool offshore. Further, Winnetka Village supervises at least six other road-end beaches that could provide street access to Lake Michigan without the need for another state lake-fill permit.

What Winnetka has now, that will be lost if this development is allowed, is the <u>potential</u> to host protected species like Piping Plover on this beach. Stewardship is possible here, and the community has the assets to encourage the return of shore species once extirpated. Improving costal habitats for

priority species can't happen if shoreline assets like Elder/Centennial are carved up, buried, and destroyed.

While your office typically has to weigh the erosion-defense needs of a private landowner against the competing needs of the Public to enjoy our beaches and their rare environments, those competing goals don't exist in this application:

- Winnetka has lakefront recreation facilities but no beachfront set aside for habitat restoration and ecosystem study. The application proposes duplication of what Winnetka already has, while ignoring the need for natural shoreline and beach habitat restoration.
- Elder Lane is within walking distance of New Trier High School. Shoreline habitat restoration would facilitate outdoor classrooms and support curriculum focused on Lake science and wildlife biology of shore and near shore species. This would be something new, and have huge public benefit, for people and for wildlife.
- There are no homes at risk from erosion at the subject location. The 261 Sheridan property is set to be torn down; the Elder Lane beach house will be demolished with or without your permit, and properties south of Centennial beach owned by the co-applicant will be torn down so he can build a fine new house.
- Bluff erosion is an essential and natural process on Lake Michigan. It is in the best interest of the public to allow these 1,070 feet of shore and bluff to naturalize. The applicants have the resources and ability to position their buildings and improvements well back from the edge of the bluff. They shouldn't ask the Public to sacrifice acres of precious lake and shore because they are unwilling to take steps on their own land to limit potential asset loss.

Please do all the people of the Great Lakes a service and ask the applicants to downsize this project, and invest in habitat rehabilitation on this shore.

Thank you,
Laurie Morse

Footnote: (1.) See: The Chicago Council on Global Affairs; September 22, 2020, "The Right to the Shoreline: Race, Exclusion, and Public Beaches in Metropolitan Chicago," Working paper by Samuel Kling, Ph.D, ACLS Public Fellow and Global Cities Fellow, Chicago Council on Global Affairs and Lucas Stephens, Ph.D, ACLS Public Fellow and Senior Research Associate, Environmental Law and Policy Center.

Name	City	State	Postal Cod	Country	Commented Date	Comment
Cynthia M	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022	"This fence is wrong!"
Chris Mace	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022	"I fully support this petition and at some point the community might want to consider Attorney General involvement to
Justine Ho	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022	"This wall obstructs panoramic views of our lakefront. Permitting construction of this wall to go forward sets the wrong
Carl Lane	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022	"I think the steel wall is just simply ridiculous. Not sure how the park district or village would think it is a good idea."
Rebecca F	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022	"We live near this beach and I'm very concerned about the tall walls closing it in and changing the entire feel. A panoram
Hilary Fed	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022	"I do not want a fence on the beach. It's a terrible precedent."
Patrick He	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022	"Build Sandcastles, Not Walls!"
Caroline B	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022	"I would rather the beach development not go ahead if it means building this awful wall. This smacks of the worst kind o
Sarah Chalcroft				US	5/25/2022	"As a resident of Winnetka we have a legal right to access the public shoreline ."
Colette Qu	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/25/2022	"How was this project decided upon (taxpayer funded) ?Who does it benefit (pressured by land swap) ? and why is this
Miriah Pla	Chicago	IL	60625	US	5/25/2022	"I frequently run along Sheridan road and the shoreline. Anything that impedes the view will disrupt the ability of the pu
Laura Lipp	Greenwoo	IN	46143	US	5/26/2022	"One of my favorite little girls loves to walk this beach"
Ann Mac	Hinsdale	IL	60521	US	5/26/2022	"No wall! Easy access for all!"
D Beck	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022	"It would be nice to walk a length of beach like you can in Hawaii, CA or FL."
Beth Mulh	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022	"The Village should not allowed to make significant changes without resident support and a large metal barrier fence dra
Kendra W	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022	"This is ridiculous and a sign of an idiot on a me Plan with too much money!"
Charla Pro	Stevenson	CA	91381	US	5/26/2022	"There has to be a better way to build a sea wall then this. Please don't put up this proposed wall that blocks the gorgeo
Lauren Lev	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022	"I think Winnetka's beaches are one of our town's best features! This wall does not fit in with the aesthetic of our beauti
Ruth Jenni	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022	"Inappropriate use of public land"
Lilly Avril	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022	"literally why would we do this..."
Grace Flat	Winnetka	IL		US	5/26/2022	"I do not support large metal barriers to block shoreline access and views. I also do not support moving forward with an
Cynthia Ca	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022	"This wall sets a dangerous precedence for other properties to do the same."
Linda Wel	Highland P	IL	60035	US	5/26/2022	"The beach belongs to all of us"
Joanna Ka	Chicago	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022	"This is by far the worse proposal for a natural landscape I have ever seen. What would inspire such an ugly solution to a
Elisa Kirk B	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/26/2022	"We haven't been able to use Elder for a couple years. I was happy to hear news of improvement. This is anything but."
erica ches	winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/27/2022	"The large metal wAlls are terrible! We must be able to see the shoreline!"
Sheila Nie	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/27/2022	"This wall is totally unnecessary. Let's spend our money on things that matter."
Laura Hel	Northfield	IL	60093	US	5/27/2022	"I pay a fee to use that Beach"
Denise Kir	Wilmette	IL	60091	US	5/27/2022	"I don't like access to the beautiful lake view being blocked"
Ann Buran	Wilmette	IL	60091	US	5/27/2022	"The beach belongs to all citizens. Nature looks better than a big steel wall!"
Richard Ge	Evanston		60201	US	5/27/2022	"Because we must protect our lakefront. We must set a precedence."
Eileen Ma	Kenilworth	IL	60091	US	5/28/2022	"Proposed wall structure is ugly, a terrible precedent and violates the Illinois public trust doctrine."
Sandra Fre	Evanston	IL	60201	US	5/28/2022	"This is just plain uglification as well an unproven design.The current panoramic view both north and south is a source of

Darlene Bc	Evanston	IL	60202	US	5/29/2022	"This has to stop!"
Andrea Str	Wilmette	IL	60091	US	5/29/2022	"I believe in the quality of life of the North Shore and that the lakefront is part of that quality of life and it should not be
Mary Spal	Evanston	IL	60202	US	5/29/2022	"This will be an eyesore. Use the plant works for what it is intended, if there are environmental concerns. This is an anti s
Marilyn Fa	Chicago	IL	60613	US	5/29/2022	"The shoreline should be unobstructed for citizens to enjoy the natural beauty of the lake. If this exception is made, oth
Lisa Matya	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/30/2022	"Our beachfront belongs to us."
Karen Mill	Skokie	IL	60076	US	5/31/2022	"The lakefront should be accessible to all."
DANIEL EG	WINNETKA	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022	"The fence should not be built. The beaches are for everyone"
Matt Furtc	Chicago	IL	60613	US	5/31/2022	"This wall violates the law. The park district should be protecting the public's land, which includes all Winnetka's lakefror
Beth Dustr	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022	"This plan was not originally presented to the residents of Winnetka nor was it studied for environmental or community
Anne Juliu	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022	"I want to keep the lakefront beautiful and natural."
Rebecca W	winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022	"do not agree"
Rachel Me	Costa mes	CA	92627	US	5/31/2022	"THEY "" DON'T "" WANT THIS, !!!!"
Dana Pear	Evanston	IL	60202	US	5/31/2022	"Ruining the beauty of the neighborhood just because one has money is terrible!"
Cindy Kilbc	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	5/31/2022	"no to the metal border walls."
Erin Hines	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	6/1/2022	"Do not want views blocked"
Harriet Ro	Wilmette	IL	60091	US	6/1/2022	"I love the dog beach at Centennial Park and all beach front property should be kept natural and free of any walls or part
Kendra W	Winnetka	IL	60093	US	6/1/2022	"The Lake is a beautiful asset and the ability to walk the shoreline a gift. Big $ taking this and trying to exclude is the begi
Anne Stev	Wilmette	IL	60091	US	6/1/2022	"As the lake levels rise and fall, a fence like this would become a serious water hazard for boaters, paddle boarders, and

ıic view is so important to feeling you're one with nature! We love to look down the shoreline. Also in addition to all of the other issues, the roller coaster design is going to look dated very quickly..

f entitled behavior from the homeowner. No-one should be allowed to build a barrier like this on the shores of Lake Michigan. I cannot even believe its being proposed. I dread to think how much ta:

enormous steel barricade wall being proposed on our Winnetka beaches? This blights the shoreline by impeding rights and carving up the expansive views while also creating an ugly danger and a gra

ıt to the high water mark. See Illinois Central Railroad v. Illinois, 146 U.S. 387 (1892) (the people own all lands under the Great Lakes); Gunderson v. IN DNR, 90 N.E. 3d 1171 (IN 2018) (Lake MI exten
impact. The plan benefits one family and one family only, it is shocking and embarrassing the the Winnetka Park District is not acting as a stewart for future generations. It would be better to back

ds to the ordinary high water mark); Glass v. Goekel, 703 NW 2d 58 (MI 2005) (the Great Lakes extend to the ordinary high water mark). The people have a right to walk at least part of every allegedl

y private beach in Winnetka. Protect this right!"

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Re: **Centennial/Elder Lane Beaches:** Comments Concerning Joint Application for Permit f filed by the Winnetka Park District & the Orchard 2020 Trust

Dear Mr. Casey:

Upon reviewing the permit applications to United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), I request that this permit be denied at this time for the following reasons: The planter pockets and louvered fences will block the panoramic view of Lake Michigan while increasing rather than reducing the erosion of the shoreline. The planter pockets and louvered fences will also obstruct public access to the public beaches. Breakwaters and a central pier will extend 300' into the lake and will impede navigation and obstruct littoral drift of sand. This central pier will also restrict circulation of water in the project area and may result in increased bacterial concentrations that could impose additional health risks to the public. I request that a public hearing be held to thoroughly review the issues set forth in this letter.

Concerns with Aecom Technical Services Study

The permits submitted by Orchard 2020 (Orchard) and the Winnetka Park District (WPD) call for two breakwaters and a central pier. Each breakwater consists of a planter pocket composed of two sheet piles that extends 155 feet from the toe of the bluff out into the lake joined by a stone breakwater extending another 145' into the lake. The planter pocket is topped by a louvered fence. At the toe of the bluff the height of the louvered fence (8.7') plus planter pocket (1') will be 9.7'. The louvers taper down to zero feet 155' east from the toe of the bluff. Reduction of wave energy to reduce erosion of beach and bluff along the lakeshore is a stated purpose for the louvers and planter pockets in the permit application. Page 12 of the Appendix for the Permit Application states:

> 3. Wave Reduction in Rubble-Mound Structures
> The Iribarren number (~), or surf similarity number, is used to determine the wave reflection coefficient. For rubble-mound structures, wave reflection (and wave energy) is reduced by one half or more (0.2 to

> 0.53) (Figure 3, Appendix). For example, a wave reflection of 0.25 means that the wave energy is reduced
> by 75%. The range of wave reflection for beaches peaks at about 0.44. The range for plane slopes, however, quickly rises to 0.5 and peaks at .91. This illustrates that rubble-mound structures reduce wave energy almost as well as beaches.

The above statement only describes the stone portion of the breakwater and is not applicable to the steel sheet pile planter pocket portion of the breakwater which extends from the bluff 155' lakeward. One would expect considerably more reflected wave energy from the planter pockets than the stone (rubble-mound) structures resulting in greater beach and bluff erosion in adjoining properties.

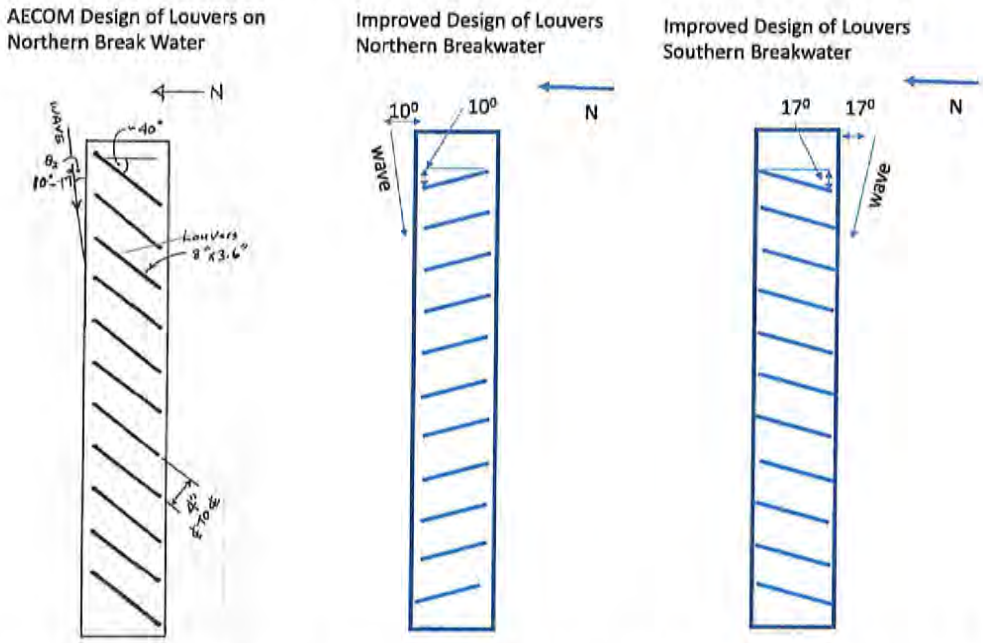
Included with the Application is a wave transform and wave overtopping study prepared by Aecom Technical Services. WPD and Orchard claim that the Aecom study was used in the design parameters of the breakwaters, planter pockets, and louvered fence. The Aecom study uses a 6.6' wave which would be generated by a 200 year storm and uses a louver height of 4.6'. These louvers are bolted to a 1' sheet pile and sit on stone breakwater that extends 6' above the lake level. The wave transform study describes the stress as the wave impinges on the sheet pile and louvers but fails to describe the stress on the stone breakwater. The study also fails to describe how much wave energy is reduced as a result of the stone breakwater or the louvers. Aecom states the following results in its overtopping study:

Table 1. Wave Overtopping Flow Reductions at Baffle Structures

Breakwater	Event Recurrence	2% Wave Runup (ft)	SSP Wall Flow Reduction	Baffle Wall Flow
South	200 Year	5.8	96%	4%
North	200 Year	8.0	90.9%	9.1%

According to Aecom the northern breakwater structure has a 91% reduction of overtopping with 82% of this reduction due to the stone breakwater and 9% due to the louvers and the southern breakwater structure has a 96% reduction of overtopping with 92% of this reduction due to the stone breakwater and 4% due to the louvers. Aecom fails to state how reduction of overtopping correlates quantitively to reduction of wave energy and beach and bluff erosion. However, if Aecom is correct in claiming reduction of overtopping is a measure of effectiveness of the stone-louvered breakwater, then their table above shows that the impact on reduction of wave energy by the louvers alone in the northern breakwater is small and reduction on the southern breakwater is even smaller. These minimal benefits from the louvers do not justify the loss of the lake's panoramic view or loss of public access to public beaches north and south of the parks.

The louvers in the design are poorly positioned to absorb wave energy or prevent overtopping. The louvers are supposed to be positioned for waves attacking from the north-northeast on the northern breakwater and from the southeast on the southern breakwater. The attacking waves strike the louvers at an oblique angle allowing much of the wave energy and overtopping to pass through the louvers. In the drawing below I show an alternate design for the position of the louvers where the attacking waves strike the louvers at a ninety-degree angle.



In this design waves are reflected back into the lake away from the shore and overtopping is reduced as a result of more effectively blocking of the wave's path. The alternate design also allows the public a better view of the shoreline. As mentioned above the louvers in the Aecom design contribute little to prevention of beach and bluff erosion; however, if the IDNR permits this design it should require that the louvers be positioned in a manner that optimizes the reduction of wave energy and overtopping.

The Aecom wave energy and overtopping computations were done only in one spot on each of the northern and southern breakwater structures. At least two additional locations on each breakwater would be needed to design these breakwaters and to evaluate the benefit of the louvers for this design. Aecom notes that the largest wave loads occur on the eastern 40' of baffle (louver) wall due to larger wave heights in this deeper water area. Aecom also notes that as you go west along the breakwater the wave height is reduced and further states:

> The western portions of the baffle wall are in shallow water. The waves will converge somewhat in the corner formed by the lake edge and the planter walls. This convergence will provide some splash and spray and the baffle structure (louvers) will provide protection from this.

Apparently overtopping is not a problem along the western portion of the planter-louver part of the breakwaters. The louvers at the western end of both structures are 8.7' tall and taper down to 0', 155' to the east. Aecon gives no explanation or engineering justification of why louvers are much higher to the west near the bluff where wave energy and overtopping is minimal or zero. If the louvers had truly been designed to reduce overtopping, they would have extended all the way out to the end of the breakwaters to the east where they would be at maximum height and would taper to 0' at the toe of the bluff to the west.

Aecom has provided no analysis for reflected wave energy from the steel sheet pile planter pockets and subsequent beach and bluff erosion that will occur on adjoining properties north and south of the breakwater structures. The WPD construction at Lloyd Beach in 2021 included stone breakwaters similar in design to Elder Lane-Centennial; however, the stone breakwaters at Lloyd extended all the way to the bluff. Lloyd Beach's breakwaters do not include planter pockets or louvered fences. By extending the stone breakwater to the bluff instead of using a steel sheet pile planter pocket, the Lloyd design will absorb more wave energy and reflect less wave energy than the design at Elder-Centennial.

Concerns with Planter Pocket-Louvered Design

WPD and Orchard claim the planter pocket-louvered design permits them to lower the elevation of the stone breakwaters and thereby lower costs and use less stone. Interestingly, the crest of the stone breakwater at Lloyd beach is 585' but the proposed Elder-Centennial stone breakwater crest is 586', one foot higher than the Lloyd breakwater! Lloyd does not have planter-pockets and louvers but still has a lower elevation of its stone breakwater.

The planter pocket-louver fence design will block the panoramic views of the lake whether one is standing on the beach at the toe of the bluff inside the park or from outside of the park. At the base of the bluff the louvers will be 9.7' high and trees planted in the planter boxes will tower 28' high over the beach and further obstruct views of the lake shore.

Example of vegetation Picea Abies to be used in planter boxes.

The Lakota Group is the designer of the structures in this permit. At the WPD Board Meeting of March 24, 2022, Scott Freres of the Lakota Group said the louvers in the louvered fence

were positioned to enable those standing in the park to have view of the lake **while providing privacy for adjoining landholders** (*highlighting for emphasis)*. As stated above, the louvered fence serves little purpose for prevention of beach and bluff erosion; however, it will block park patrons from seeing up and down the coastline in order to provide a privacy screen to adjoining landowners, of which co-Applicant Orchard is one.

In addition to blocking the lake view the planter boxes will cover 4,000 square feet of beach making it unavailable to the public. The IDNR in its State of Illinois Coastal Management defines beach as:

> the area of unconsolidated material (sand, gravel, pebbles and possibly cobbles), either
> naturally occurring or artificially placed, that has an upper limit either along the line of permanent vegetation or along the lakeward edge of any coastal structure such as a revetment, bulkhead, breakwater, groin or sidewalk, and a lower limit below water where sand persists across the lake bottom, and calm-water depths, no greater than six feet.

Clearly plants do not naturally occur on the beach and installation of plants in planter pockets changes the character of the beach to a garden bed and diminishes the quantity of beach available to the public. It is doubtful that plants will survive in this harsh environment of extreme wind and ice buildup in the winters. The WPD will likely have unsightly dead and dying plants that it will have to replace on an annual basis. The only function these plants will serve is to provide a privacy screen for Orchard for its adjoining property to the south and for the property owner with adjoining property to the North. To preserve beach habitat IDNR should disallow the planter pockets.

In the alternative and should IDNR approve the planter pocket, IDNR should limit the height of plants in the planter pocket to no more than 24 inches. This will allow disabled members of the public in wheelchairs to see over the plants and enjoy the beautiful vistas of Lake Michigan.

The planter pocket-louver fence will completely block the public from walking the adjoining public beaches. The IDNR in its *State of Illinois Coastal Management Program*, gives its interpretation of case law as applied to ownership of the beaches in Illinois:

> Beach accretion of sand or gravel by natural or artificial means for which the riparian owner is not responsible, that accreted above-water beach area belongs to the riparian owner. Case law does not grant private ownership of any beach area resulting from the entrapment or retention of sand caused by construction of any type of shore structure. Because of a long history of constructing numerous private groins along the North Shore (Keefe 2002; Shabica et al. 2004), there are many such areas of accreted beach. However, any beach area that is artificially accreted beach is legally public

The two properties north of Elder Lane Beach, 319 Sheridan and 301 Sheridan and the four properties south of Centennial beach 209 Sheridan, 205 Sheridan, 195 Sheridan, 191 Sheridan all have accreted beaches as a result of groins, breakwaters, and piers. Currently the public can access all of this stretch of public beach from Elder Lane Park and Centennial Park, but this

access will be cut off by the WPD's and Orchard's proposed planter pocket-louvered fence. The WPD and Orchard in their permit application justifies this lack of access:

> The new park borders and boundaries established by the project afford the Park District the opportunity to permit dogs on the beach during off-season months without introducing the risk of dogs straying onto adjacent private property.

Are Dogs a Red Herring?

To my personal knowledge, this is the first time that the WPD has mentioned off-season access for dogs on Centennial-Elder Lane beaches. The WPD has committed to a plan that closes the current dog park at Centennial after construction on Elder-Centennial has concluded. Currently Centennial dog beach has no fencing to prevent dogs from straying on to Elder Beach or adjoining residential properties to the north and south of these parks. Current rules for the dog park at Centennial requires owners to accompany their dogs to the dog beach and keep a leash on hand to prevent their dog from straying. Since the opening of Centennial dog beach in 1994, there are no reports by owners of dogs being lost from the beach. Wilmette does confine its dogs on its dog beach with a 5' chain link fence that it removes in the winter at the Gilson dog beach. Contingent use of Elder-Centennial beaches for winter dog use does not justify the louver-planter pocket fence. Should the WPD decide to use Centennial-Elder beaches as an off-season dog beach, the WPD could permit and install a 5'chain link fences with gaits that permit access to adjoining beaches to the north and south

Plan Submitted for Permit Significantly Deviates from WW2030 Plan

In 2015, the WPD completed the Winnetka Waterfront 2030 Master Plan (WW 2030) which included the Elder-Centennial unified beach plan. In 2021 the Park District and Orchard revised the WW30 design and has submitted this 2021 revised design to the AECM and IDNR in their current applications. Sketches of the 2030 plan can be seen below.

The 2021 revised design includes a planter pocket-louvered privacy screen and central pier that is not in the original WW 2030 plan. The WPD went out to the public with a survey in 2015 to gauge public opinion on the WW 2030 plan but the WPD has not made a similar survey of the public for the revised 2021 design. In fact, as I write these comments many of my fellow residents are totally unaware that the proposed plan for Centennial/Elder Lane will be significantly different than what was implemented at Lloyd Beach. It is not known whether the public supports the planter pocket-louvered privacy screen in the 2021 plan. With such a major alteration to the original WW 2030 plan, the WPD should be required to withdraw its current applications until it properly surveys the public. Over fifty concerned citizens appeared for comment during the May 26 WPD Board Meeting. A straw poll was taken of those present and only two attendees supported the plan. All others were in obvious disagreement. My suspicion

is that the majority of the public who would be interested concerning this revised plan are still unaware of the changes.

Concerns with Bacterial Contamination Issues with Elder Lane Plan Design

The permit application claims that the planned breakwaters will not interfere with littoral drift in the lake:

> The design of the proposed system, including the mitigation sand fill, will help assure no negative impact to the littoral drift system. This region of the Lake Michigan shoreline around the project site is completely engineered.

Yet in the appendix to the application titled DESIGN OF SHORELINE EROSION PROTECTION the Applicants state:

> This section of coast is sand-starved due to municipal structures (littoral barriers) constructed over the past 130 years that extend east past the littoral zone and reduce sand bypass, as well as armoring of the shoreline reducing erosion of the glacial clay bluffs.

The breakwaters proposed in the permits extend 300' from the bluff into the lake and extends over 100' into the lake beyond the existing pier in Elder Lane park and existing groins. Applicants cannot claim that these breakwaters will not change littoral drift around their new structures, nor have they demonstrated that no negative impact will occur. This permit should be denied, and applicants should reduce the length of the breakwaters to be consistent with surrounding structures in any future applications. Reduction of the length of these structures would also reduce barriers to navigation in the lake.

Elder Lane beach had a history as being one of the most polluted beaches on the North Shore of Lake Michigan. A beach is safe if the maximum E. coli level allowed – 235 colony-forming units per 100 milliliters (cfu/100mL) is not exceeded which is based on guidelines established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for recreational waters. Below is a table based on Illinois Department of Public Health data that shows the percentage of days Elder Lane and five surrounding beaches exceeded the maximum E. Coli level for safe swimming.

PERCENTAGE OF DAYS WHERE E. COLI EXCEEDE 325 CFU/100ML								
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
TOWER	11.9%	5.1%	2.2%	7.5%	8.1%	3.6%	0.0%	3.2%
LLOYD	9.8%	5.2%	4.5%	6.5%	8.7%	7.1%	CLOSED	4.3%
MAPLE ST	9.6%	8.2%	5.7%	10.0%	10.4%	6.8%	1.1%	3.2%
ELDER LN	16.4%	24.7%	7.5%	8.6%	11.6%	8.8%	CLOSED	CLOSED
CENTENNIAL	11.0%	16.2%	3.8%	8.6%	4.5%	4.4%	2.2%	4.3%
KENNELWORTH	12.0%	6.7%	2.9%	7.7%	9.4%	6.4%	0.0%	3.4%

Note that in five of the six years data was collected in the table above for Elder Lane Beach (2014-2019), Elder Lane had the highest number of days of E. coli exceeding the safe level of 325 cfu/100mL. In 2015, this unsafe level of bacteria at Elder occurred 25% of the time.

In a May 11th conversation with Mr. Costa Katulas, Director of Operations of the WPD, Mr. Katulas stated that the cause of the high bacteria counts could originate from the stormwater sewer discharge pipe at Elder Lane Beach. Mr. Katulas stated that the Village of Winnetka had done work on the stormwater sewage system in 2015 and had discovered a number of interconnections between the sanitary and stormwater systems and that these interconnections had been eliminated. Mr. Katulas also stated that the Village plans to add a filtration system that will remove solids from stormwater and further reduce contamination of Elder Lane Beach. E. Coli levels did drop after the Village eliminated storm and sanitary interconnections that it discovered in 2015, however bacteria levels remained high relative to surrounding beaches during the period from 2016-2019. There was no sampling of Elder Lane beach in 2020 and 2021 due to beach closure. Mr. Katulas stated that testing would not resume until after construction of Elder Lane-Centennial beaches is completed.

The permit design for Elder-Centennial of two breakwaters with a central pier creates a protected bay area that will reduce beach and bluff erosion, but this restricted bay will also restrict the littoral circulation of water. WPD plans to move the stormwater discharge pipe into the northern breakwater and stormwater will discharge into the open lake and also into the protected bay at Elder-Centennial. If this discharged water with high bacterial content remains in the bay, then bacteria may continue to build and exceed historical levels already observed at Elder Lane. The IDNR should require the WPD to hold its permit applications until the Village completes its filtration treatment for stormwater and the IDNR should also require WPD to resume monitoring Elder Lane beach bacteria levels to see if the filtration system has reduced bacteria levels at Elder Lane beach. With this new data and historical data, the WPD and Orchard should model fluid flows and estimate bacterial accumulation at the proposed Elder-Centennial beach project to see if bacteria will exceed safe levels. The WPD has decided to move dogs off Centennial Beach and will spend ten million dollars on the combined Elder-Centennial beach plan. It would be ironic if after this huge expenditure the bacterial contamination due to their design would result in a beach suitable only for dogs.

In closing, the unification of the Elder Lane Beach and the Centennial Beach could be of benefit to the public with the right technical design and plan and after the technical issues identified in this letter are satisfactorily resolved. The plan included with this Application has not been well publicized nor has it received adequate technical review and public scrutiny. For

the reasons set forth above, I respectfully request that the agency deny the Application and request that the WPD consider alternative designs that are better suited for the benefit of the public that the WPD serves.

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Re: **Centennial/Elder Lane Beaches:** Comments Concerning Joint Application for Permit filed by the Winnetka Park District & the Orchard 2020 Trust

Dear Mr. Casey:

I serve as an elected Commissioner of the Winnetka Park District ("WPD") but am sending these comments in my capacity as a private and concerned citizen. The first time I saw the design filed in the Joint Application for Permit filed by the Winnetka Park District and a private entity, the Orchard 2020 Trust, was in early March after it had already been filed with your agency. I can assure you this was not for lack of diligence on my part. I had requested to review the Application prior to its filing. My request was ignored. After my review of the Application and supporting documentation, I have the following series of concerns:

1. The design as presented in the Application has been greatly modified from the design as set forth in the Winnetka 2030 Waterfront Plan (referenced by the Applicants as the "master plan" or "plan") to the serious detriment of the public. The design for which a permit is sought will obstruct the public's panoramic view of the Lake, create a beach in a cage, and prevent public access to public lands and the right of the public to walk the public shoreline. The design for which a permit is sought barricades, segregates, and excludes. Contrary to assertions made in the cover letter accompanying the joint Application, this design has not been vetted and approved by the public. The plan, as set forth in the Winnetka 2030 Waterfront Plan, did not have a 6.5-foot, metal louvered fence sitting on top of 4-foot steel planter boxes jutting down the Park boundaries onto stone breakwaters and extending some 300 feet into the Lake. The 2030 Waterfront Plan did not have dense planter pockets with trees as high as 20 feet traversing the beach boundaries and obstructing the shoreline view. The 2030 Waterfront Plan did not have a central pier, consuming (*along with the stone breakwaters*) one acre of public lakebed. I believe the pier was added to the design because the view of the lake will be so greatly obstructed by the high metal fences and planter pockets that a Park visitor, of necessity, will have to walk onto the pier to see the panoramic view of the Lake.

During the Winnetka Park District Board Meeting of March 24th, the Lakota Group, who created this design, admitted that the metal louvers had never been installed anywhere on the Lake Michigan shoreline, or for that matter, on any beachfront or shoreline in this country. The Lakota Group also admitted that the louvers were an untested and unique design that provided little to no benefit for bluff stabilization or beach restoration. It is so obvious that these metal walls and planter pockets have appeared at the eleventh hour in this plan to provide the private co-Applicant with a privacy fence to the detriment of the public. If approved, this design will establish a precedent and soon will be seen up and down the Lake shoreline. It is for these reasons that I respectfully request that the IDNR reject that part of the Application that includes the metal boundary walls and planter pockets as well as the central pier. In my opinion, we do not need more cement and steel in and around the lakebed nor do we need a 'beach in a cage.' (*Please see the attached rendering by the Lakota Group.*)

2. As presented in the Application, the design landlocks the Parks and precludes the public from access to walk the public beachfront in violation of the Public Trust Doctrine. There are no stone quarry steps, styles or gates at either the north or south boundaries of the Parks that would provide the public with access to walk the shoreline or for the public to have access to the Parks from the public shoreline. The Applicants have argued that this is necessitated by safety concerns arising due to changes in landscape grades and that dogs could possibly use Elder Lane Beach off-season and must be contained. The Applicants have failed to consider much less restrictive alternatives or design options to address public safety while still providing public beach access. It is ironic that dogs have run on the Centennial Dog Beach since 1995 without the necessity of metal walls. Much attention in prose has been given by the Winnetka Park District to the possibility that dogs might use Elder Lane Beach off season, yet the Park District has yet to formally approve that use or the use of any other of Winnetka's beaches for dogs. Every other beach in Winnetka provides the public with access beyond the park beach boundaries, typically with the use of stone quarry steps. I can only assume that the co-Applicant wants to keep the public from walking the public shoreline in front of his property. The effort to privatize public shoreline access by private riparian owners is a consistent problem along the North Shore. The privatization of public beach land violates the Public Trust Doctrine. I urge the IDNR to honor its public duty, enforce the law, and insist that public shoreline access must be maintained in accordance with the Public Trust Doctrine.

3. The Application contains a cover letter, dated February 24, 2022, that states:

> "*Additionally, a resident has helped implement a critical component of the master plan by donating the existing single property that currently separates the two parks. It is with that acquisition that the Park District can now implement the full vision of the park improvements.*"

However, in response to questions from the agency and on April 7, 2022, the Applicants responded by letter:

> *"In 2020, the WPD entered into an exchange agreement with Orchard 2020, who is the owner of 261 Sheridan (the home & lot which separates Elder and Centennial), whereby Orchard will exchange the home and lot for an equal width of property on the south end of Centennial Park.* ***While we have yet to close on the transaction, the WPD acknowledges that the permit as requested in this application will not be released prior to closing on the exchange."***

This is extremely confusing! It appears that co-Applicants currently do not hold title to the properties for which they are seeking a permit. As a result, the Application is defective as it has not been properly publicly noticed as such or filed as a conditional application, operational only upon closing of the property exchange and the vesting of title. Should the property exchange never occur does that mean that the private co-Applicant that currently holds title to 261 Sheridan will have the ability to build a pier out into the Lake some 300 feet, build a breakwater out 185 feet on the southern border of Centennial Park, or avail itself of other benefits that would only be granted to a public entity for the benefit of the public at large?

I respectfully request that the IDNR require the Applicants to withdraw their current application and submit an application that is conditional upon evidence of the transfer of title in accordance with the terms of their pending property exchange agreement. I also respectfully request that the agency issue public notice for a conditional permit. Frankly, I question why public tax dollars and public employee time are being consumed to review an application for a plan that may or may not occur dependent upon the closing of a transaction that was signed in October of 2020 but that for some reason has yet to close.

4. Shoreline erosion protection and bluff preservation can be accomplished without the expense and aesthetically displeasing 300-foot pier and metal louvered walls that offer very limited, if any, shoreline protection. An engineering report prepared by AECOM Technical Services was included with the Application that suggests that the only remedial advantage of the metal fence louvers will be to assist in wave overtopping by 4% in the Lake and at the southern stone breakwater and by 9% in the Lake and at the northern stone breakwater. This seems to be a very limited and expensive benefit and I question what possible shoreline protection purpose the metal louvers serve as they travel down the park boundaries from the toe of the bluff to the water edge?

5. As designed, the plan provides for two stone breakwaters with a central 300-foot pier creating two small bays with water levels between 3 to 5 feet. The drawings submitted with the Application indicate that a storm water discharge pipe will be discharged into the northern breakwater at Elder Lane Beach. Historically, Elder Lane Beach has had a problem with high bacteria levels and the beach has been closed many days during the summer season as a result. I am concerned that littoral drift may cause storm water to backflow into the northern bay and that because of diminished water circulation from the breakwater, along with low water levels in the bay, as opposed to the normal circulation and level of water in the Lake a continuous contamination problem may result. I hope that proper attention is focused on this issue. Otherwise, the taxpayer

will be spending millions of dollars without correcting a continuous and historic problem at Elder Lane beach.

In closing, the unification of the Elder Lane Beach and the Centennial Beach could be of benefit to the public with the right plan that has been well publicized and for which the public has had an opportunity to participate with suggestions and commentary. The plan included with this Application was a well-kept secret in Winnetka and in my opinion has not received adequate public scrutiny as evidenced by the over 1,100 signatures on a petition that was started on May 25th and that has been filed today with the IDNR. All members of the public, whether rich or poor, no matter gender or race, should have access to Illinois public beach lands and a right to walk the Illinois public beach. I urge the IDNR to do your duty and uphold the spirit of Illinois Lakes, Rivers, and Stream Act by rejecting this dystopian and discriminatory plan and request that the Applicants submit a design that conforms with that included within the Winnetka 2030 Waterfront Plan but only after closing of the property exchange has occurred and title has properly vested. I further respectfully request that a public hearing be scheduled and held to address the concerns noted hereinabove and that this letter be entered into the formal record of this matter. Thank you for this opportunity to submit my concerns

Sincerely,
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225-299 Sheridan Road in Winnetka, Cook County, Illinois

Friends:

This comment is in opposition to the Application for Permit (Application Number: LRC-2021-00454) ostensibly submitted by the Winnetka Park District and the Trustee of the Orchard Revocable Trust, for a shoreline project at 225-299 Sheridan Road in Winnetka, Cook County, Illinois. The Application for Permit should be denied.

Preliminarily, I object to the mischaracterization of the project in notice as being a proposal only to "expand the public beach facilities at Elder Lane and Centennial Parks in Winnetka." Patently, a purpose of this project also is to benefit and to create exclusive shore space for private persons, acting through a trust.

That said, I also echo the substantive objections of those many local residents who voice opposition to the size and scope and features of the project., in particular the long pier, the outsized breakwaters, the masonry / concrete perimeter structures, and the steel so-called louvers atop them. So as not to duplicate, I will not dwell but will touch only briefly on those.

Size, scope, and features: The project at over 300' extends far too deeply into the lake, and will act as a visual, transportation, and littoral material barrier.

The proposed "pocket planters" and "louvers" are barrier walls or fences by any other name, without comparable precedent on the Illinois shoreline. To give them comforting landscape-type names like "planter and louver — which, it should be noted, are features far more commonly seen in private homes and gardens — is Orwellian mischaracterization. These physical, land-based dividers are an affront to and assault on the concept of access and public space. Please recognize that they are structures not for any environmental purpose but designed to limit human action, not wave action. They are meant and designed to confine and to exclude people. Their chief purpose is manifestly to privatize shoreline and both discourage and physically exclude the public from leaving its assigned sandbox, for benefit of the private co-applicant.

These barriers will have the effect of privatizing what is beyond them. Please note that the power to exclude is at the heart of what defines private property. It is impossible to have private property without the power to exclude others, and **when a public body facilitates exclusion, it is serving private interest**; if it is creating or fostering exclusion, whether in the water or on the land, it is carving private space out of what should be public space.

Interference with Lake Michigan as a Public Way. Having researched this subject in capacity as both a public servant and private attorney, I would like the following to be considered. Historically, Lake Michigan was not only a public transportation route, but a principal transportation route. The voyages of Marquette, LaSalle, and others document passage along the western shore of Lake Michigan between what is now Chicago and Green Bay, Wisconsin, with Marquette even stopping and putting in along what is now the North Shore. Historians referred to the western shore of Lake Michigan as "the great highway." Robert D. Sheppard and Harvey B. Hurd, eds., HISTORY OF NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY AND EVANSTON (Chicago, Munsell Publishing Co., 1906), at 27, 28.

The public transportation use of the lake was preserved by law predating Illinois statehood, and, under the equal footings doctrine, dictating terms upon which such statehood was granted. The Northwest Ordinance of 1787 termed navigable waters such as Lake Michigan "common highways and forever free." Northwest Ordinance of 1787, ch. 8, art. IV, 1 STAT. 50, 52 (1789).

The terminology of courts has agreed with that of the historians. The Supreme Court has termed navigation on public waters a paramount right, *West Chicago S. R. Co. v. Illinois*, 201 U.S. 506, 524 (1906), and has stated that a waterway "is none the less a public highway, established to afford an appropriate place of public passage [simply because travelers] go in boats instead of vehicles." *Chicago, M. & S. P. R. Co. v. Minneapolis*, 232 U.S. 430, 441-42 (U.S. 1914). *Cf. Wallamet Iron Bridge Co. v. Hatch*, 19 F. 347, 355 (C.C.D. Or. 1884) ("A highway is a public way upon which all persons have a right to pass; and a public river is such a way, since it is open to all the king's subjects") (citing Rap. & Law, LAW DICT., "Highway;" 2 Smith, Lead. Cas. 175), *rev'd on other grounds*, 125 U.S. 1 (U.S. 1888).

The status of Lake Michigan as a navigable water and its dedication to public uses, including navigation, has been specifically protected by the Public Trust Doctrine. *Ill. Cent. R.R. Co. v. Illinois*, 146 U.S. 387, 452 (1892). The Illinois Supreme Court has recognized that the interests protected by the public trust doctrine for Lake Michigan "extend as well to recreational uses, including bathing, swimming and other shore activities." *People ex rel. Scott v. Chicago Park District*, 360 N.E.2d 773, 780 (Ill. 1976) (quoting *Neptune City v. Avon-By-the-Sea*, 294 A.2d 47, 54-55 (N.J. 1972)). Walking along the water's edge is also a protected use of public resource. In the Michigan case of *Glass v. Goeckel*, 703 N.W.2d 58 (2005), both the majority and minority of the Michigan Supreme Court panel agreed that walking along the shore was protected under the public trust doctrine; the dispute was where that right extended to, not the right itself. Id. at 62, 73-74, and at 85 n.10 (Markman, J., concurring in part and dissenting). *Cf. Ohio ex rel. Merrill v. Ohio Dept. of Natural Res.*, Nos. 2008-L-007, 2008-L-008, 2009 WL 2591758, ¶ 89 (Ohio Ct. App. Aug. 21, 2009) (walking is a protected use lakeward of the water's edge).

Public Trust Doctrine and Public Agency Duty. Although the origins of the Public Trust Doctrine are in common law, its principles have been codified since before Illinois statehood, and are currently embedded in Illinois statute. The Rivers, Lakes and Streams Act ("RLSA"), for example, not only provides that title to the bed of Lake Michigan is held in trust for the benefit of the People of the State of Illinois, but empowers and directs state regulation, in part to protect navigation. 615 ILCS 5/5; 615 ILCS 5/24. The RLSA underscores that the public is entitled to "free and unobstructed navigation of any of the public bodies of water of the State," of which Lake Michigan is one of the most prominent. 615 ILCS 5/9. It is public policy of the state of Illinois to "encourage every available use" of bodies of water such as the Lake "for navigation and carrying trade, both of commerce and passenger." 615 ILCS 5/9. To that end, the public is supposed to have "free and unobstructed access to, or egress from any navigable body of water. 615 ILCS 5/10.

The RLSA is codified under title 615 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, "Waterways." Lake Michigan is a waterway. Being able to navigate the shoreline is critical to users of small watercraft.

Please also take into consideration the history and purpose of the laws under which these projects should be scrutinized. Sentiment in the wake of the landmark *Illinois Central* case was that the lakefront should be public. The very genesis of the Rivers, Lakes and Streams Act was not the rivers and lakes of downstate Illinois, but public concern about the wealthy and powerful appropriating the Lake Michigan lakeshore for their own.

In the wake of reports and notice of filling along the shoreline, the Illinois legislature in February 1909 passed a resolution calling on the Governor to appoint a commission to investigate and report on whether public trust rights in Lake Michigan were being "usurped by private individuals, corporations and companies, who now occupy part or parts of said lands and who assert title in or claim thereto." The Governor did in fact appoint a "Submerged and Shore Lands Legislative Investigating Commission," which undertook voluminous interviews and surveys, and which reported back, in March 1911, that up and down the lakefront, lakeshore was being encroached upon by private individuals.

This report sparked a flurry of activity. The legislature in March, 1911 accepted the report and directed the Attorney General to file suit if necessary. Within a few months, on June 10, 1911, the State enacted historic legislation, called "An Act with Regard to Canals, Rivers, Lakes," and formed the Lakes and Rivers Commission, all to prevent filling in Lake Michigan and other public waters. This law was the first version of the current Rivers, Lakes, and Streams Act.

The 120-year-old RLSA is thus an Illinois codification of the public trust doctrine, see 615 ILCS 5/5, 615 ILCS 5/24, and lays out state authority, duties, and responsibilities with respect to shoreline regulation.

IDNR, the successor to the Department of Conservation (and the former IDOT Office of Water Resources) has not just the authority but also the duty, under the RLSA, to "exercise a vigilant care" to see that no Illinois waters are "encroached upon, wrongfully seized, or used by any

private interest in any way," except as may be provided by law and then only after permit, and to "jealously guard the same in order that the true and natural conditions thereof may not be wrongfully and improperly changed." 615 ILCS 5/7. IDNR is directed to construe the RLSA "**to prevent to the fullest extent, the slightest improper encroachment or invasion upon the rights of the State of Illinois, or any of its citizens.**" 615 ILCS 5/27. Historically, this duty seems not to have been fulfilled, either through ideological disinclination or lack of resources to carry out unfunded mandates. But it costs nothing to say no to a bad idea.

Similarly, the federal Rivers & Harbors Appropriation Act of 1899 came out of the first Progressive Era that saw citizenry and some of their elected officials increasingly concerned about gross inequality and use of public resources by "robber barons." Often termed the country's first major environmental law, the Act asserted federal control over navigable waters and their tributaries. A core aspect of the law required federal permits before filling or building in US public waters. That remains a core feature of the law more than a century later, making it illegal "to build or commence the building of any wharf, pier, ... breakwater, bulkhead, jetty, or other structures" or to "excavate or fill, or in any manner to alter or modify the course, location, condition, or capacity of, any ... lake ... or inclosure within the limits of any breakwater" in US waters without US Army [Corps of Engineers] ("USACE") permit. 33 U.S. Code § 403.

Both the Corps and IDNR need to take fuller consideration, in this and in all applications for shoreline projects, of the fact that Lake Michigan is, historically and by design of law, a public way. The right to traverse the public shoreline by paddling, small powered craft, swimming, wading, and walking the shore up to the ordinary high water mark is a public right and deserves the fullest degree of protection by our public bodies.

The proposed project at 225-299 Sheridan Road in Winnetka will essentially block the public's right not merely to traverse the the shoreline but to even use the lake as public way except by hundreds of feet off shore, or a great distance inland. Swimmers, boaters, walkers, and joggers will be forced either into deeper water or far off the shore upland, or, more probably, and manifestly the intent of the project, to forego such lawful activity altogether.

The proposed project thus also is intended to, and results in, the taking of public trust waters and related lakebed. None of this is necessary for adequate shoreline protection at the proposed location. The Corps and IDNR should put a stop to the pretense of "shoreline protection" for projects that are meant primarily to enhance and even expand dry land, especially when a private party is applicant or co-applicant.

Cumulative Impact. I understand that there has been a presentation made by applicant representatives to elected officials and possibly also to your agencies purporting to show the great number of structures along the lake shore that now impede lawful citizen wading, swimming, paddling, etc. Concededly many such structures now exist. However, that is not persuasive. In fact, it compels the opposite conclusion and action.

If two wrongs don't make a right, neither should dozens. Federal permitting for a long time has understood in the highway context and others that what would not be allowed *in toto* cannot slide in under the radar via "segmentation." If an applicant came and proposed to erect a

hundred or even a dozen breakwaters, jetties, groins, and acres of fill in the lake, that should and would trigger an EIS. Such permitting would be a major federal action. The same object, the transformation of the shoreline and the granting of acres of fill, often to private entities, should not be accomplished through a "death of a thousand cuts" of a large number of smaller permittings.

The cumulative effect of all the structures on the lakeshore — trapping sand, impeding traverse, creating artificial beaches that private parties attempt to exclude the public from — is a taking of public waters greater in acreage, scope, and impact than that which was proposed by Loyola University in the 1980s. The demonstration by any person, such as applicants or their agent consultants, that so much privatization, shoreline hardening, filling, impediment to traffic and other work has been done along the lakefront under guise of "shoreline protection" should not be cause for "oh well, what's one more," but on the contrary establishes basis for requiring a programmatic environmental impact assessment if not EIS under NEPA. It is time to draw a line in the sand.

OHWM. Permitting now and in the future should take into account the impact of climate change. We should stop pretending that an obsolete ordinary high water mark is normal, allowing and facilitating one artificial shore project after another. A higher OHWM reflecting best scientific consensus on the likely new normal should be used.

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If this project is not be denied outright, a public hearing should be held before any further advancement of it, to consider the Application for Permit. Also, an environmental impact assessment, including evaluation of the cumulative effect of this project in view of others along the shore, should be conducted.

However, denial is the easier and more appropriate action.

Jeffrey P. Smith

May 31, 2022

Dear IDNR representatives,

I urge you to deny the application for the addition of a steel wall from the Winnetka Park District. This wall will not only affect Winnetka, but all communities that reside on Lake Michigan and all Illinois residents who enjoy the beauty and recreation at the beachfront.

The louvered steel fence/wall from the toe of the bluff traveling on the border boundaries of the parks and then on top of the stone breakwater was not part of the 2030 Waterfront Plan, was not communicated to the public until recently, and is an unproven design that will wall in the beach and obliterate the current panoramic view both north and south of the Lake front.

1. The top of the steel wall is over 9.5 feet higher than sand elevation near the water which obstructs the view of the shoreline and impedes the ability to freely walk the beach. The tree plantings will be even taller, as high as 20 feet.

2. This unique and unproven design provides one resident a special interest with a privacy screen but serves very little, if any, bluff/beach restoration purpose.

3. This beach, in a cage design, if approved, would set a **precedent** that could be replicated at other properties along the shore creating a series of walled off fortresses extending onto and blocking access to public land. The effort by private riparian owners to attempt to privatize public beach land is wrong and should not be permitted by the agency.

4. Shoreline erosion protection and bluff preservation can be accomplished without the downsides of the current design. Also, the applicants did not offer less restrictive alternatives to this beach in a cage concept.

In case you have not seen the design, here are two renderings from the consultant working on the project. I hope you will agree that this project has no place on our public beaches.

ELDER/CENTENNIAL BREAKWATER SCREEN

SOUTH BREAKWATER | LOUVER SCREEN

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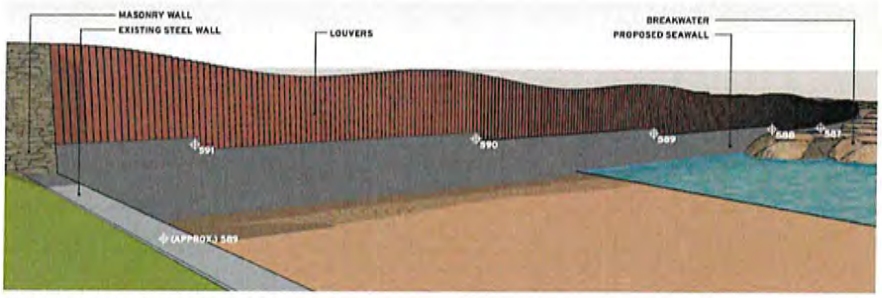

FIGURE 1: VIEW LOOKING NORTHEAST FROM ORCHARD 2020 BLUFF TOE

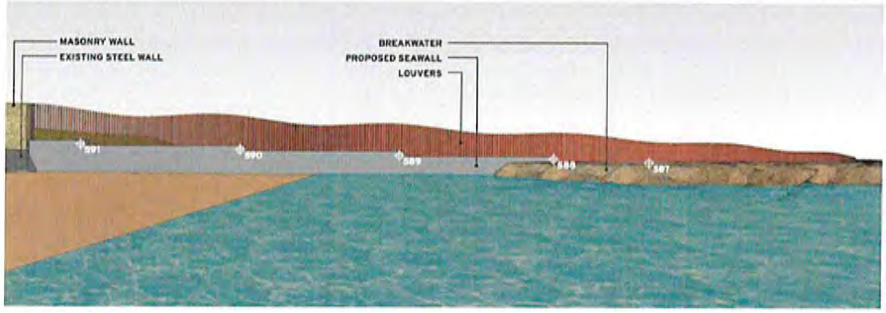

FIGURE 2: VIEW LOOKING NORTHWEST FROM ORCHARD 2020 BEACH

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The wall could and would set a terrible precedent. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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RE: IDNR/OWR application for permit C20220006 by the Winnetka Park District and the Orchard Revocable Trust to construct a shore protection/beach project, in Lake Michigan, at Elder and Centennial Parks located at 299 & 225 Sheridan Road, Winnetka, IL 60093 and the property located at 261 Sheridan Road, Winnetka, IL 60093

Dear Mr. Casey:

After reviewing the Winnetka Park District's project plans for Elder and Centennial Parks, I'm concerned that the interests of the people of Illinois are being ignored.

As proposed, the breakwaters on the north and south are designed to interfere with the public's right under the Public Trust Doctrine to freely walk along the lakefront.

If there is a more appropriate time for me to inject my opinions, please let me know. If there is a public email notification list then please add me to it.

Regards,

Allen Welch