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## Northern Moraine Wastewater Reclamation District Notified of \$2.5 Million Federal Grant for Residential Sanitary Sewers in the Village of Holiday Hills

*Additionally, the feds will send \$250,000 for upgrades to the district's emergency power system*

**ISLAND LAKE, ILLINOIS** – In support of our continued effort to protect the environment, the Northern Moraine Wastewater Reclamation District (NMWRD) has received notification from federal officials detailing that another \$2,500,000 will be granted from the 2023 appropriations package for the long-awaited Holiday Hills residential sanitary sewer project. President Biden signed this budget into law last week.

“We are exceptionally grateful to U.S. Rep. Lauren Underwood for championing this substantial grant. She toured the Holiday Hills sewer project earlier in 2022 and was instrumental in delivering the \$2,500,000 award by endorsing our Community Project Request eliminating another large portion of debt for the Holiday Hills sanitary sewers,” said Mohammed Haque, district manager of the NMWRD. “Plus, Sen. Richard Durbin was able to secure another \$250,000 in the federal government’s 2023 appropriations for system upgrades to our emergency power generator.”

Kenneth Michaels, president of the NMWRD, added, “The entire region will benefit from this sanitary solution in Holiday Hills because eliminating nearly 300 private septic systems will greatly improve the area’s water quality. Expansion of our sewer system furthers our mission of protecting public health and preserving the environment by reclaiming precious water and other resources. Gradually eliminating Holiday Hills’ private septic systems and connecting each home to the NMWRD’s sanitary sewer system will eliminate a host of environmental deficiencies.”

The NMWRD treats raw sewage from homes and businesses which travel through the sanitary sewer system for treatment at our processing plant in Island Lake. The raw wastewater is then treated, resulting in water acceptable for discharge into the Fox River, following all state and federal EPA standards. Further, we dry the biosolids removed from the wastewater, then haul it to local farms to be used as fertilizer.

It is the vision of the NMWRD to maintain a sustainable municipal wastewater utility while expanding service to those communities and residents within our designated service area in a cost effective and environmentally sound manner.

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