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Subject: Regional Storm Water Detention Basin

*"Tree Preservation plan for Ackerman Park 2008 expansion, including tree species and condition, or any other document indicating the species, native or non-native status, size and condition of the trees that will be removed."*

The Village of Glen Ellyn hired EnCap to survey the site for this project; the survey does not state the varieties, native/non native, or condition. If additional information is required, you will have to request this from the Village of Glen Ellyn. I have included a set of plans which includes tree preservation, existing conditions, site plan, and preliminary landscape plan for wetlands, utility, and grading for your perusal.

*"Enrollment numbers, by season and level, for the GE Park District soccer program for 2007."*

See attached information.

*"Plans, maps, and budgets for the replanting of the 350+ trees that will be removed in Ackerman Woods, plus additional trees. This should include specific locations of the new plantings, size and species of the trees."*

As you are aware the Village of Glen Ellyn is sponsoring this project. The Park District did not receive the plans for the project until mid March. Therefore there is not a final landscape plan for this project. The Park District has always planted additional trees after a project has been completed. Staff has been working on incorporating walking paths, trees, shrubs, and grasses in and throughout the woods to blend recreation and nature as one. Trees will be planted along the west borders of the properties along Lenox road, as well as in the delineated wetland areas throughout the site.

At this time the entire plan has not been completed; however, in one wetland area there will be a total of 24 trees and approximately 10 shrubs removed within the 50' buffers associated with wetlands 1 and 3. The majority of the woody herbaceous vegetation proposed for removal consists of garlic mustard, and white snakeroot. The majority of the trees proposed for removal consist of American Elm, Box Elder and Black Walnut. A large portion of the shrubs proposed for removal consists of wild gooseberry, and black raspberry, as well as common buckthorn a non- native species. To compensate for the proposed impacts 24 native trees and 84 native shrubs will be planted within preserved portions of the wetland buffers and around the embankments of the proposed basins to replace functions lost by the removed trees and shrubs.

In addition native prairie/woodland herbaceous vegetation will be planted within the preserved buffer within wetland 3 to preserve functions lost by the removed herbaceous vegetation. As you can see this is only one small area that will be addressed with additional planting of 108 trees/shrubs. The other areas of the project will be enhanced further with tree and shrub installation. I have included the Native Landscape specifications for the aforementioned wetland area only. As soon as the remaining plans have been finalized I would be more than happy to share this with you.

*"Tree surveys, maps, preservation plans or any other documents that detail the thousands of trees (over 6-inch diameter) at the 66-acre Ackerman Park site that will still be standing after construction of the Regional Stormwater Facility and the athletic building."*

The writer did not accurately report what was stated about the existing trees left onsite. I mentioned to her that there would be "several hundred" trees to remain onsite over the 20 acres of land that were not being removed.

Ackerman Park has over 20 acres of trees in this area of woods; furthermore, only two acres will be disturbed to handle the storm water and the additional soccer fields. For your perusal is an aerial photograph of the area in question. As you can see these areas are heavily wooded; furthermore, these areas will be left untouched. Again the Village of Glen Ellyn only surveyed the areas that were going to be developed for the project, there are no other surveys.

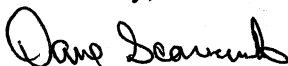
*"Maintenance activities, improvements, and expenditures for the wooded area between Riford, St. Charles and Lenox Rd. for the past 15 years."*

There are no such records for this area.

*"Any documents, internal correspondence, public notice, public hearing and/or meeting minutes that indicate that passing the referendum would necessitate the removal of trees from Ackerman Woods."*

The Regional Storm Water Detention project was considered several years prior to the Ackerman Sports Complex referendum. The literature for the referendum for the Ackerman Sports Complex never referred to the removal of any trees to build the Sports Complex. The new Sports Complex is not being constructed in the wooded detention area you are referring to.

Cordially,



Dave Scarmardo  
Superintendent of Parks