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Dear Neighbor,

DuPage County has recently decided to do a full stormwater review of the plan to destroy Ackerman Woods and put water detention basins in the woods. The Village plans to move stormwater from 5-Corners to the woods by way of “overland flow.” This means that no pipes, ditches or sewers will be installed, **the water will flow down the hill through your property** from Walgreens to Ackerman Woods.

Your yard is being used to make this project possible. Village engineers estimate that there will be a 2-3% increase in the amount of water flowing over this land. They say that this increase is below the threshold that would require getting permission from the property owners for a drainage easement.

If you have drainage or flooding issues on your property, the County of Dupage would like to hear from you. Please contact Tony Charlton, Director of Stormwater Management at (630) 407-6700. Tell him about any specific concerns you have regarding this project. If you are concerned about any increase in stormwater on your property, please let him know.

There is currently stormwater retention for the NW 5-Corners area in the large drainage basin north of Walgreens and directly west of your property. The Village wants to move this stormwater basin to the woods at Ackerman, and sell the current stormwater area to a developer for more retail space. Ackerman Woods is located between Riford and Lenox on St. Charles, directly east of your property. Additionally, the Village plans to expand the stormwater retention to cover the NW side of 5-Corners. This project will also destroy 342 mature trees in Ackerman Woods.

Developers at 5-Corners could provided their own stormwater retention on their own property- either in cisterns below ground or in small retention basins, but this will cost the developers money. Instead, the Village wants to take care of stormwater for the strip malls. **There is NO existing stormwater problem at 5-CORNERS, the Village just want to make it cheaper for developers to put in more strip malls.**

We know that many of the homes in your area are already dealing with flooding issues and have sump pumps running continuously. The vacant homes on Lenox Road have 5 feet of water in the basements because there is no sump pump running. If you have similar issues with too much stormwater, please contact Mr. Charlton at the county and let him know.

Visit our website at www.saveackermanwoods.com for a full list of e-mail addresses for local elected officials and more information about this project. Contact them directly to let them know that this is a bad plan and you don't want your property used for it.

Sincerely,
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