



## VILLAGE OF LOMBARD

### VILLAGE BOARD POLICY MEMORANDUM

**Subject: Residential Drainage  
Program**

**Section: 4.D.**  
**Dept.:** PW/CD  
**Date:** January 20, 2000  
**Updated:** March 2, 2023

#### **I. Purpose**

The purpose of this program is to improve flood-prone improved single-family properties through cooperative efforts by the Village of Lombard and effected residents and property owners.

#### **II. Procedures/Guidelines**

A. Interested homeowners who can demonstrate that two or more contiguous properties are directly affected by inadequate drainage or flooding can apply for a grant to provide financial assistance to install drainage improvements. "Directly affected" means that applicable properties are subject to standing stormwater for more than 72 hours. The 72-hour provision is based on the nuisance of mosquito breeding, which may be relaxed at the discretion of the Private Development Engineer if the stormwater threatens to damage the principal residential dwelling.

B. Eligible costs may include surveying, engineering, permits, and construction work including connection to public storm sewer and restoration.

C. Homeowner groups and eligible property owners initiate projects, perform surveying and prepare engineering plans by a Professional Engineer or a landscape contractor. Plans are submitted to the Community Development Department for review and approval. This effort may be done in consultation and coordination with Community Development staff, and staff can make resources available to affected parties, all in order to help ensure that grant applications meet the intent of the program and the projects have the greatest chance of addressing the drainage concerns.

D. Approved plans are eligible for a grant. Grant applications are submitted to the Community Development Department along with companion plans, cost estimates, or bids. Community Development staff shall evaluate the reasonableness and appropriateness of the grant

application. The Village's Private Development Engineer has discretion in determining proper courses of action and using best engineering practices in project extent and review activities. Costs associated with preparing unapproved plans are not eligible for grant funds.

E. When applicable, drainage systems must include an appropriate restrictor.

F. Upon successful completion of the work and final inspection, and receipt of the contractor's paid-in-full receipt, the Village will reimburse the homeowner group for 50% of the project costs up to a maximum of \$15,000. The reimbursement shall be based upon the lowest acceptable cost estimate, which may not be the proposal from the contractor performing the work.

G. The annual Village contribution to this program will be determined in the Capital Improvement Program.

H. "Direct" or "indirect" connections to combined and sanitary sewer systems are prohibited by current Village ordinance and will not be considered. "Indirect" connections enter a storm sewer that discharges to a combined sewer (recombining).

I. Proposed pumping systems discharging to combined sewer areas that comply with current Village ordinance 50.027 are also eligible for this program (Exhibit "A" attached).

J. Improvements constructed on private property will be operated and maintained by the respective property owners; not the Village of Lombard.

K. In addition to making funds available for selected drainage improvements, the Community Development Department may offer supplemental guidance, as deemed appropriate by the Private Development Engineer, in order to assist owners in addressing drainage matters. This may include, but not limited to:

1. Providing topographic information and maps;
2. Field consultations;
3. Providing concept drawings or plans that could be used as the basis for a grant application;
4. Assistance in identifying qualified contractors who may be available to perform such work; and
5. Facilitating the completion of the building permit and/or grant applications, if needed.

L. Should a drainage concern not meet the qualifying factors set forth within the Residential Drainage Program, Community Development staff may still offer the technical services as set forth in Subsection K. above, all in an order to meet the larger drainage program goals.

**III. Legislation/Documentation**

- A. Minutes of January 11, 2000 Public Works Committee meeting.
- B. Minutes of January 20, 2000 Village Board of Trustees meeting.
- C. Minutes of the February 7, 2023 Public Works & Environmental Concerns Committee meeting.
- D. Minutes of the March 2, 2023 Village Board of Trustees meeting.

## EXHIBIT "A"

### § 50.027 SUMP PUMP, DOWNSPOUT AND OTHER STORMWATER DISCHARGES

(A) For all habitable structures and business structures constructed after January 1, 1986, all building subsoil drain sump pump pipes that discharge outside of a building shall be connected to the separated storm sewer system wherever there is a separated storm sewer reasonably available for such connection as determined by the Director of Community Development.

(B) For all habitable structures and business structures, if a separated storm sewer is not reasonably available, all subsoil drain sump pump pipes that discharge outside of a building shall discharge:

- (1) On a grassed or landscaped area on the same property as the structure;
- (2) Within 15 feet of the structure;
- (3) Away from adjacent properties; and
- (4) In a manner so as to not cause a nuisance in the public right-of-way or to adjacent properties or in a manner as otherwise approved by the Director of Community Development.

(C) For all habitable structures and business structures, all downspouts shall discharge:

- (1) On a grassed or landscaped area on the same property as the structure; and
- (2) Within 15 feet of the structure;
- (3) Away from the adjacent properties; and
- (4) In a manner so as to not cause a nuisance in the public right-of-way or to adjacent properties or in a manner as otherwise approved by the Director of Community Development.

(D) Where a downspout or subsoil drain sump pump discharge pipe discharges above the grade level at the point of discharge, said discharge shall be onto splash blocks.

(E) Notwithstanding the requirements of [50.026](#), any person, but only one person from the area tributary to the common depressional storage area, may pump stormwater run-off from a common depressional storage area on private property toward a combined sewer subject to the following restrictions:

- (1) Pumping may not commence or continue during a rainfall event;
- (2) Pumping may not commence until 72 hours after a rainfall event or until the Glenbard Wastewater Authority CSO Facility has stopped discharging effluent to the East Branch of the DuPage River, whichever is longer;

(3) The discharge point must be within 15 feet of the building structure, and in a manner so as to not cause a nuisance in the public right-of-way, or at the discretion of the Director of Community Development; and

(4) No pumping rate can exceed 250 gallons per minute.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, pumping as described in this subsection (E) will be prohibited if combined sewer surcharges are induced from such pumping. In addition, the Village of Lombard reserves the right to further restrict the approved pumping rate in individual situations where it has been determined that the maximum rate will result in surcharging, sewer overflows, adverse health or environmental problems.

(F) In the event that any downspout(s) and/or subsoil drain sump pump discharge pipe(s) is/are found to not be in compliance with this section, the owner of the property on which said downspout(s) and/or subsoil drain sump pump discharge pipe(s) is/are located shall, within 180 days of receipt of a notice from the village, advising said property owner of the noncompliance, bring said downspout(s) and/or subsoil drain sump pump discharge pipe(s) into compliance with this section. Said 180-day period may be shortened by the Director of Community Development, in the event the non-compliance with this section presents an imminent threat to the health, safety and/or welfare of any person, or an imminent threat to the integrity of any building or structure, to such period of time as deemed reasonable to protect said person, building or structure.

('70 Code, § 13.08.075) (Ord. 2797, passed 11-14-85, Ord. 4190, passed 7/18/96; Ord. 6057, passed 06/21/07; Ord. No. 7228, § 1, passed 6-17-16)

**Special note: The code provisions set forth within Section 50.027 are subject to change by the Village Board of Trustees. Should such changes occur, the latest effective version of the Village Code shall be automatically applicable to the Residential Drainage Program.**