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GOVERNOR QUINN GRANTS LOW INTEREST LOAN FOR WATER SYSTEM UPGRADES Improvements Can Start Sooner and At A Much Lower Cost

Franklin Park, IL – Governor Pat Quinn and Mayor Barrett Pedersen announced Saturday that the Village of Franklin Park will receive an Illinois Clean Water Initiative loan to assist the Village to make much needed water and sewer infrastructure improvements now before the system deteriorates further and at a much lower cost to the taxpayers.

"We are grateful to Governor Pat Quinn for providing this program that allows municipalities to address their aging infrastructure," stated Franklin Park Mayor Barrett Pedersen. "This low interest loan lets us take immediate action to address these problems now at a low cost and without over burdening taxpayers. These repairs will continue to make Franklin Park a great place to raise a family and an attractive location for business investment and job creation."

The Clean Water Initiative loan will be used to construct approximately 4,500 feet of 16-inch diameter transmission mains between the Main Pump Station on W. Belmont Avenue to the King Street Pump Station. Also included in the project is the replacement of approximately 174,000 feet of old and deteriorating 4-inch and 6-inch diameter water mains with an 8-inch diameter water main in the Rueter and West Mannheim residential areas. Additional work includes water main replacement and rehabilitation within the Cullerton Industrial Area.

Both the Governor and the Mayor noted that maintaining our water and sewer system is a public health and safety issue and that providing access to clean, safe and affordable water is a top priority for municipalities.

“Governor Quinn understands the unique challenges mature communities such as Franklin Park are confronting, added Mayor Pedersen. “The repair, replacement and revitalization of our aging infrastructure are critically important to remaining a safe, attractive and viable community.”

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