



VILLAGE OF DEERFIELD

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Village's Director of Public Works and Engineering to Retire

Barbara K. Little has announced she is retiring as the Village of Deerfield's Director of Public Works and Engineering effective June 1, 2018. Ms. Little has served as the Department Director since June of 2000 and previously served as the Assistant Village Engineer for Deerfield beginning in May of 1989.

"Barbara has been a key leader on the Village team for twenty nine years and a true professional" noted Kent Street, Deerfield's Village Manager. He added: "Her positive, thoughtful and practical approach have resulted in many improvements in the Village, building on the great legacy of her predecessors Jim Soyka and Ed Klasinski." Accomplishments during her tenure include a complete overhaul of the Village's Wastewater Reclamation Facility to include LEED certification; improvements to Waukegan Road intersections from Lake Cook Road north to Deerfield High School; improvements to Deerfield Road from Highland Park to Saunders Road; attainment of millions of dollars in Federal grants for roadways and bridges; upgraded storm water management systems, including regional basins; a new water system connection with Highland Park and expanded and upgraded water pumping and storage facilities.

"Barbara has been a vital part of advancing what the Village does, from public improvements to engineering oversight of private development to supervising our Public Works and Engineering operations", noted Mayor Harriet Rosenthal. "Her work and public service have been outstanding and we will miss her", added Rosenthal.

Ms. Little stated that "retirement from the Village of Deerfield is bittersweet since I will be leaving my Village family and associates behind. I am grateful for all the support I received from the organization in the furtherance of the goals of the Public Works and Engineering Department. It is rewarding to reflect upon my accomplishments and know that my contributions have benefited the community. From the construction of new storm water reservoirs to the Lake Cook Road railroad underpass; the many years of street rehabilitation projects; the beautiful downtown streetscape - all of these accomplishments will continue to benefit the Village for many years to come. I am honored to have been able to contribute to the community's success and could not have done it without the support of my team, the Village Board and the residents. The future is bright for the Village of Deerfield."

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