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May 7, 2014

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Illinois Environmental Protection Agency  
Water Pollution Control  
Compliance Assurance Section #19  
P.O. Box 19276  
Springfield, IL 62794-9276

RE: City of Calumet City  
NPDES Permit MS4 Annual Report – **Reporting Cycle 2013-2014**  
Permit No. ILR40 - 0306

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find the following items in regard to the NPDES Permit for Storm Water Discharges from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) for the City of Calumet City:

- MS4 Annual Facility Inspection Report for 2013-2014
- Attachment 1 (summarizing status of Minimum Control Measures)
- Summary and Schedule of Proposed Best Management Practices
- Various Attachments supporting Minimum Control Measures

This documentation has also been emailed to [epa.ms4annualinsp@illinois.gov](mailto:epa.ms4annualinsp@illinois.gov). If you have any questions, please call me at (708) 210-5678.

Very truly yours,

**ROBINSON ENGINEERING, LTD.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan J. Dykstra".

Jonathan J. Dykstra, CFM  
Senior Water Resources Engineer

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Encl.

xc: Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, Mayor – City of Calumet City  
Gerry Surufka, Water & Sewer Commissioner – City of Calumet City  
Jay Patel – IEPA-Des Plaines office  
Ernest R. Roberts III – City Engineer – REL



# Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

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## Division of Water Pollution Control ANNUAL FACILITY INSPECTION REPORT

### for NPDES Permit for Storm Water Discharges from Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4)

*This fillable form may be completed online, a copy saved locally, printed and signed before it is submitted to the Compliance Assurance Section at the above address. Complete each section of this report.*

Report Period: From March, 2013 To March, 2014

Permit No. ILR40 0306

#### MS4 OPERATOR INFORMATION: (As it appears on the current permit)

Name: City of Calumet City Mailing Address 1: 204 Pulaski Road  
Mailing Address 2: 204 Pulaski Road County: Cook  
City: Calumet City State: IL Zip: 60409 Telephone: 708-891-8155  
Contact Person: Gerry Surufka Email Address: Gsurufka@calumetcity.org  
(Person responsible for Annual Report)

#### Name(s) of governmental entity(ies) in which MS4 is located: (As it appears on the current permit)

Cook County

#### THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE ADDRESSED.

A. Changes to best management practices (check appropriate BMP change(s) and attach information regarding change(s) to BMP and measurable goals.)

- |  |                          |   |                          |
|--|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| 1. Public Education and Outreach             | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Construction Site Runoff Control       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Public Participation/Involvement          | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. Post-Construction Runoff Control       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping | <input type="checkbox"/> |

B. Attach the status of compliance with permit conditions, an assessment of the appropriateness of your identified best management practices and progress towards achieving the statutory goal of reducing the discharge of pollutants to the MEP, and your identified measurable goals for each of the minimum control measures.

C. Attach results of information collected and analyzed, including monitoring data, if any during the reporting period.

D. Attach a summary of the storm water activities you plan to undertake during the next reporting cycle ( including an implementation schedule.)

E. Attach notice that you are relying on another government entity to satisfy some of your permit obligations (if applicable).

F. Attach a list of construction projects that your entity has paid for during the reporting period.

**Any person who knowingly makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent material statement, orally or in writing, to the Illinois EPA commits a Class 4 felony. A second or subsequent offense after conviction is a Class 3 felony. (415 ILCS 5/44(h))**

Gerry Surufka  
Owner Signature:  
Gerry Surufka  
Printed Name:

4/16/14  
Date:  
Water & Sewer Commissioner  
Title:

EMAIL COMPLETED FORM TO: [epa.ms4annualinsp@illinois.gov](mailto:epa.ms4annualinsp@illinois.gov)

or Mail to: ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL  
COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE SECTION #19  
1021 NORTH GRAND AVENUE EAST  
POST OFFICE BOX 19276  
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62794-9276

IL 532 2585  
WPC 691 Rev 6/10  
This Agency is authorized to require this information under Section 4 and Title X of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/4, 5/39). Failure to disclose this information may result in: a civil penalty of not to exceed \$50,000 for the violation and an additional civil penalty of not to exceed \$10,000 for each day during which the violation continues (415 ILCS 5/42) and may also prevent this form from being processed and could result in your application being denied. This form has been approved by the Forms Management Center.

# City of Calumet City

NPDES Permit No. ILR40 0306

## Annual Facility Inspection Report Attachment 1

March 2013 to March 2014

May 7, 2014

| Content:  | Page Number: |
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| <b>Item A:</b> Description of Changes to BMPs   | 2            |
| <b>Item B:</b> Status of compliance with permit conditions and assessment of minimum control measures                                 | 2            |
| <b>Item C:</b> Results of information collected and analyzed, monitoring data (if any).   | 5            |
| <b>Item D:</b> Summary of stormwater activities you plan to undertake during the next reporting cycle (and implementation schedule).  | 5            |
| <b>Item E:</b> Notice that you are relying on another governmental entity to satisfy some of your permit obligations (if applicable). | 5            |
| <b>Item F:</b> List of construction projects that your entity has paid for during the reporting period.                               | 5            |
| Sample Documentation for Minimum Control Measures   | 6+           |

Any questions or comments regarding this report shall be directed to either of the following:

Mr. Gerry Surufka, Calumet City Water & Sewer Commissioner  
708-891-8155 or [Gsurufka@calumetcity.org](mailto:Gsurufka@calumetcity.org)



Mr. Jonathan J. Dykstra, Robinson Engineering, Ltd.  
815-806-0300 or [jdijkstra@reltd.com](mailto:jdijkstra@reltd.com)



City of Calumet City, NPDES Permit No. ILR40 0306  
**Annual Facility Inspection Report – Attachment 1**

March 2013 to March 2014

May 7, 2014

**Item A: Description of Changes to BMPs**

No changes in City BMPs have been made during this cycle.

**Item B: Status of compliance with permit conditions  
and assessment of minimum control measures**

The City believes that the BMPs completed within the reporting period are appropriate for the permit conditions. The status of each BMP is as follows:

**Public Education and Outreach**

**1. A1: Distributed Paper Material (Newsletter and Brochure)**

The City goal was to distribute one brochure type throughout the reporting cycle. The City distributed a Stormwater Protection Program brochure entitled “How Can I Help Improve Water Quality” produced in-house (see enclosed samples). The Summer 2013 edition of the City Newsletter, *Calumet City Review*, included rain barrel information, wise water use, and information on the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward Annual Summer Cleanup which took place on July 20, 2013.

**2. A6: Other Public Education (Website)**

The City Website is used to post information for Public Works and information about its public services such as Street Sweeping, Leaf Pickup, Grass Mowing, Snow Removal, Sewer Televising, Maintenance of Storm Sewers, and Maintenance of retention ponds (see enclosed). Information is also included on Flood Protection Regulations, and Flood Prevention.

**Public Participation and Involvement**

**3. B4: Public Hearing**

As reported last year, the City has replaced its annual informational Public Hearing with a Summer Youth Program. The Public Hearing has been discontinued.

**4. B7: Other Public Involvement (Summer Youth Program; Ward 7 Annual Cleanup Day)**

The City goal is to maintain this program on a yearly basis and mentor youth in civic pride, city cleaning and stormwater awareness. The Summer Youth Program occurred in Summer 2013 and will again take place in Summer 2014. The program has been

advertised on the City website (see enclosed). Ward 7 held its Annual Summer Cleanup Day on July 20, 2013 and this was highlighted in the Summer 2013 newsletter.

### **Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination**

**5. C1: Storm Sewer Map Preparation**

The City has a Storm Sewer Map on which sizes and some information are shown. The map was not updated during the cycle, but is in need of some updating. The update is planned for the near future pending budget availability.

**6. C2: Regulatory Control Program (Ordinance)**

The City ordinance Chapter 26 (Environment) addresses issues related to hazardous materials and illicit discharges or dumping. The City continues to enforce this ordinance and other development ordinances that include soil erosion and sediment control through the plan review process. The City ordinances are posted on the website (see enclosed).

**7. C7: Visual Dry Weather Screening**

The City deferred its dry weather Outfall Inspections of its outfalls during the reporting cycle due to staff changes at the commissioner level. The plan is to begin the outfall inspections during the next reporting cycle.

**8. C10: Other Illicit Discharge Controls (Visual Monitoring Inspections)**

Visual Monitoring Inspections at upstream and downstream locations were not performed during this cycle. This BMP may be included as a future goal for Year 12.

### **Construction Site Runoff Control**

**9. D1: Regulatory Control Program (Ordinance)**

The City ordinance Section 34-64 (Erosion and Sediment Control) regulates soil erosion and sediment control in runoff from construction sites. The City continues to enforce this ordinance and other development ordinances through the plan review process. The City ordinances are posted on the website (see enclosed).

**10. D2: Erosion and Sediment Control BMPs**

Erosion and Sediment Control BMPs are required under the current ordinance. These requirements are enforced through the plan review process.

**11. D4: Site Plan Review Procedures**

Development projects are reviewed under local and District ordinances by City Staff and engineering consultants, especially regarding stormwater and erosion and sediment control measures. Projects over one acre are required to obtain a Notice of Intent prior to construction. A SWPPP is required with plan sets.

**12. D6: Site Inspection/Enforcement Procedures**

Weekly inspection reports are required from developers of active projects. Periodic or surprise audit inspections are conducted by the City or its consultant as needed.

**Post-Construction Runoff Control**

**13. E2: Regulatory Control Program (Ordinance)**

The City ordinance Section 34-64 (Erosion and Sediment Control) regulates soil erosion and sediment control in runoff from construction sites. The City continues to enforce this ordinance and other development ordinances through the plan review process and follow-up site inspections. The City ordinances are posted on the website (see enclosed).

**14. E3: Long Term O&M Procedures**

These are required and reviewed where applicable during the site plan review process.

**15. E4: Pre-Construction Review of BMP Designs**

The ordinance requirements are enforced during the site plan review stage of a development. The site plan reviews include a review of the BMP designs.

**16. E5: Site Inspections During Construction**

Weekly inspection reports are required from developers of active projects. Periodic or surprise audit inspections are conducted by the City or its consultant as needed.

**17. E6: Post-Construction Inspections**

Stormwater management systems are inspected during the year depending on staff availability. Inspected storm sewers and structures that are found to be in need of maintenance are cleaned, vacuumed, or jetted as needed.

**Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping**

**18. F1: Employee Training Program**

The goal is to conduct at least one training session per reporting cycle. The Public Works staff typically discusses proper procedures for disposal of oil, salt storage, and handling disposal of solvents. Snow plowing practices are reviewed annually. No other training was conducted during this cycle.

**19. F3 and F4: Municipal Operations Storm Water Control and Waste Disposal**

Routine maintenance of City streets, storm sewer, ditches, creeks and stormwater facilities is part of the Public Works responsibilities. This includes sweeping, vacuuming, jetting, repair, and debris, branch and leaf collection.

- a. Street-sweeping is performed weekly throughout the year (seasonal) during the reporting period.

- b. Catch Basins are inspected and cleaned as needed during the reporting period. Some structures are cleaned multiple times during the year.
- c. Storm Sewers were inspected and cleaned or jetted on an as needed basis during the reporting cycle.
- d. Maintenance Yard is kept as clean and tidy as possible with current staffing.

**20. F5: Flood Management/Assessment Guidelines**

The City Ordinance includes Chapter 34 (Floods) – Article II (Flood Damage Prevention) which enforces floodplain and flood hazard regulations for any development in or near to floodplains. Reviews that involve FEMA compliance are handled by Robison Engineering. The City Website posts Flood information and Flood Protection Regulations (see enclosed).

**Item C:** Results of information collected and analyzed, monitoring data (if any).

No illicit discharges or incidents of non-compliance were identified. No chemical samples were taken.

**Item D:** Summary of stormwater activities you plan to undertake during the next reporting cycle (and implementation schedule).

See the attached Summary that is numbered to correspond with the original Notice of Intent.

**Item E:** Notice that you are relying on another governmental entity to satisfy some of your permit obligations (if applicable).

The City does not rely on any other government entity to satisfy NPDES permit obligations at this time.

**Item F:** List of construction projects that your entity has paid for during the reporting period.

The following is a list of contracts that the City let and constructed during this reporting period:

- None this reporting period.

Sample Documentation for Minimum Control Measures

The remaining sheets in this report include some available documentation for various Best Management Practices discussed under Item B.

**CITY OF CALUMET CITY**

**SUMMARY AND SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES**

| MINIMUM CONTROL MEASURE                                       |  | PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED               | MAR-14 | MAR-15 | MAR-16 | MAR-17 | MAR-18 | MAR-19 |
|---|--|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| <b>A. Public Education and Outreach on Stormwater Impacts</b> |  |                                    |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <b>A1</b>   | Literature Distribution (newsletter, brochure)                 | X                                  | X      | A      |        |        |        |        |
| <b>A6</b>   | Other Public Education (web articles)                          | X                                  | X      | A      |        |        |        |        |
| <b>B. Public Involvement/ Participation</b>                   |  |                                    |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <b>B4</b>   | Public Hearing (discontinued as of 3/2014)                     | X                                  |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <b>B7</b>   | Other Public Involvement (Summer Youth Program)                | X                                  | X      | A      |        |        |        |        |
| <b>C. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination</b>         |  |                                    |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <b>C1</b>   | Storm Sewer Map Assessment                                     | X                                  |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|   | Storm Sewer Map Preparation                                    | X                                  |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|   | Field Identification of Outfalls                               | X                                  |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|   | Storm Sewer Map Update Program                                 | X                                  | X      | A      |        |        |        |        |
| <b>C2</b>   | Regulatory Control Program                                     | X                                  | X      | A      |        |        |        |        |
|   | - Sewer Use Ordinance - Chap 26 & Art. II                      | X                                  | X      | A      |        |        |        |        |
| <b>C7</b>   | Visual Dry Weather Screening Program                           | X                                  | D      | A      |        |        |        |        |
| <b>D. Construction Site Storm Water Runoff Control</b>        |  |                                    |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <b>D1</b>   | Regulatory Control Program                                     | X                                  | X      | A      |        |        |        |        |
|   | - Review of Current Ordinances                                 | X                                  |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|   | - Draft of Proposed Ordinance                                  | X                                  |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|   | - Board Review of Proposed Ordinance                           | X                                  |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|   | - Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance                         | X                                  |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|   | - Adopt Ordinance - Section 34-64                              | X                                  |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|   | - Enforcement Ongoing  | X                                  | X      | A      |        |        |        |        |
|   | <b>D2</b>  | Erosion and Sediment Control BMP's | X      | X      | A      |        |        |        |
| <b>D4</b>   | Site Plan Review Procedures                                    | X                                  | X      | A      |        |        |        |        |
| <b>D6</b>   | Site Inspection/Enforcement Procedures                         | X                                  | X      | A      |        |        |        |        |
| <b>E. Post-Construction Storm Water Management</b>            |  |                                    |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <b>E2</b>   | Regulatory Control Program                                     | X                                  | X      | A      |        |        |        |        |
|   | - Review of Current Ordinances                                 | X                                  |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|   | - Draft of Proposed Ordinance                                  | X                                  |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|   | - Board Review of Proposed Ordinance                           | X                                  |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|   | - Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance                         | X                                  |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|   | - Adopt Ordinance - Section 34-64                              | X                                  |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|   | - Enforcement Ongoing  | X                                  | X      | A      |        |        |        |        |
|   | <b>E3</b>  | Long Term O&M Procedures           | X      | X      | A      |        |        |        |
| <b>E4</b>   | Pre-Construction Review of BMP Designs                         | X                                  | X      | A      |        |        |        |        |
| <b>E5</b>   | Site Inspections During Construction                           | X                                  | X      | A      |        |        |        |        |
| <b>E6</b>   | Post-Construction Inspections                                  | X                                  | X      | A      |        |        |        |        |
| <b>F. Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping</b>              |  |                                    |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <b>F1</b>   | Employee Training Program                                      | X                                  | D      | A      |        |        |        |        |
| <b>F2</b>   | Inspection & Maintenance Program                               | X                                  | X      | A      |        |        |        |        |
| <b>F3 &amp; F4</b>  | Municipal Operations for Stormwater Control and Waste Disposal | X                                  | X      | A      |        |        |        |        |
|   | - Audit existing BMP's   | X                                  |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|   | - Audit problem areas  | X                                  |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|   | - Plan new BMP's and Procedures                                | X                                  |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|   | - Implement Program  | X                                  | X      | A      |        |        |        |        |
| <b>F5</b>   | Flood Management/Assess Guidelines - Ch 34, Art II)            | X                                  | X      | A      |        |        |        |        |

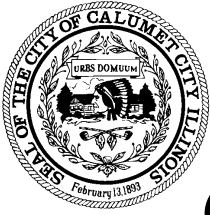
A = Future Required/Planned Annual Activity

R = Future One-time Required Activity

D = Deferred Activity

X = Completed Activity





# Calumet City

## ***Did You Know?***

One quart of oil can contaminate 250,000 gallons of water. The oil from one motor oil change can create an 8-acre oil slick. Antifreeze is toxic to people, domestic animals and wildlife. Paint products can be harmful to people, animals and the environment. Herbicides destroy streamside brush and vegetation as well as animals. Fertilizers encourage the growth of algae, which can reduce the amount of oxygen in the water and lead to fish kills.



*The storm drainage system carries untreated stormwater runoff directly to creeks and rivers. Improper pouring of wastes into storm drains directly impacts our environment. Oil, paint, fertilizer and pesticides pollute the water, destroy plants, endanger wildlife and affect drinking water. The pollutants most commonly dumped into storm drains are motor oil, fertilizer, antifreeze, pesticides, herbicides and paint.*

## ***What Are the Benefits of Improved Water Quality?***

- We have clean water in our rivers for drinking, wildlife and recreation.
- Storm drainage facilities that are free of sediment and trash require less maintenance
- Stream corridors provide a healthy habitat for wildlife and an attractive space in a neighborhood.



## ***How Can Residence Help Improve Water Quality?***

- Properly store and dispose of oils, chemicals, antifreeze and other toxic material.
- Never dump any waste in the storm drain. Dispose of litter and animal waste in a trashcan. Sweep sidewalks, gutters, driveways and other paved surfaces. Put the debris in the trashcan.
- Use garden chemicals sparingly and only when necessary, lest they get washed into the creek.
- If you see dumping or debris in the ditches or basins, filling or construction near property lot lines, or filling or construction in the floodplain without a permit sign posted, contact the City at (708) 891-8100.



### *What is Calumet City Doing to Improve Water Quality?*

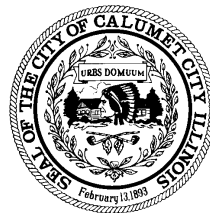
During construction, all sites are required to filter storm water leaving the site.

The city requires that all new developments protect storm structures from sediment and other contaminants using appropriate best management practices (BMPs).



As part of the review process, all developments (residential and commercial) are required to include notes and details on the engineering drawing in compliance with the NPDES Phase II regulations. These regulations were established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to improve water quality.

**City of Calumet City**  
204 Pulaski Road  
Calumet City, IL 60409  
Phone: (708) 891-8100  
Fax: (708) 891-8843



# Calumet City

**Stormwater  
Protection  
Program**



## *How Can I Help Improve the Quality of Water in Calumet City?*

**City of Calumet City**  
204 Pulaski Road  
Calumet City, IL 60409  
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CALUMET CITY

# REVIEW

SUMMER 2013

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MICHELLE



**Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush**

Summer has finally arrived! The flowers are planted, banners hung and the grass is growing.

On May 1, 2013, the Student Achievement Awards and Teacher of the Year awards were held. Our City honored graduating students from 8th grade and 12th grade in the following categories: academics, leadership, athletics, fine arts, and citizenship. Congratulations to the winners!

I attended the swearing ceremony for the School District 157 School Board Members. Congratulations to all the re-elected and newly elected school board members in our four grade school districts and high school district.

Congratulations to the Calumet City Youth Organization board members, parents and players for another successful opening day on May 2nd, approximately 300 kids are participating in the baseball and softball programs offered. Good luck to all teams for a winning season.

In May, I attended T. F. North High School's commencement ceremony. As an alumni of T. F. North, Class of '76, I was

proud to attend and offer congratulations and words of encouragement to the graduates. I am proud to say that the students have received over \$350,000 in college grant opportunities. Job well done Class of 2013!

On May 30th, I addressed the Schrum graduating class of 2013 at their commencement ceremony. My message to their graduating 8th graders was "to be courageous", study hard, make the right choices, and be kind to one another even when others are not. Congratulations to Schrum Class of 2013.

The Summer Youth Job Program has begun. These seasonal employees will assist our full-time employees and receive training on resume preparation and job interview skills.

Our Calumet Memorial Park District has many activities and programs for our youth to participate in all summer long. I encourage you to visit the Calumet Memorial Park District website at [www.mycmpd.com](http://www.mycmpd.com).

Have a Happy, Fun and Safe Summer,

Mayor Michelle

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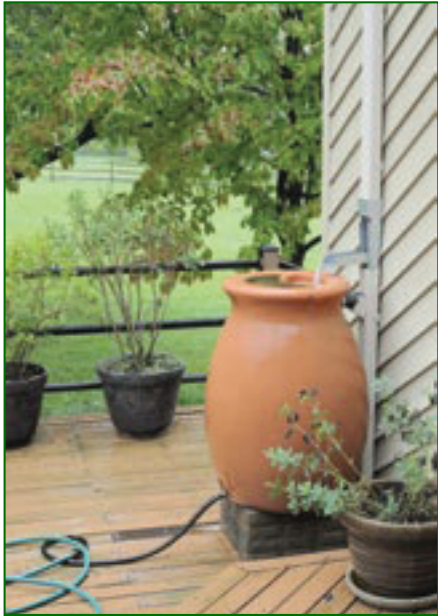
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Calumet City Clerk  
708.891.8166



## ROLL OUT THE RAIN BARREL



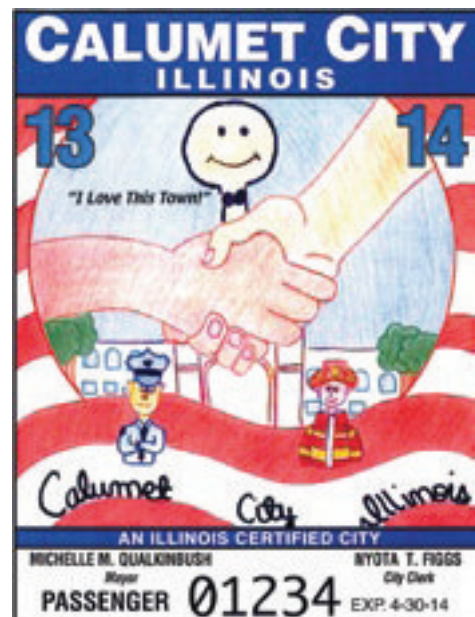
Congratulations to all the winners of the Rain Barrel Raffle. In an effort to promote water conservation, the Clerk's office partnered with the children of the Calumet Memorial Park District to hand paint rain barrels that were raffled off to visitors to the Clerk's Office who submitted entries. Barrels are available for purchase at [www.MWRD.com](http://www.MWRD.com) for \$58.00 and will save you much more by reducing your summer watering costs.

## CITY STICKER REQUIREMENTS FOR CARS AND TRUCKS

Residents just moving to Calumet City have 30 days to register their vehicle and purchase a sticker from the Clerk's Office. They must provide verification of their new residence in the form of a lease, closing statement or utility bill in addition to a photo ID.

New (or used) car buyers have 30 days from the date of purchase to buy a City Sticker and they must provide verification of car purchase.

Residents who missed the April 30th deadline for purchasing a Calumet City Vehicle Sticker should act as soon as possible to obtain one to avoid ticketing which has begun on every city street.



For complete city sticker requirements please visit [www.calumetcity.org](http://www.calumetcity.org) or stop in the Clerk's office during normal business hours.

**Practice wise water use! Watering the lawn thoroughly once per week makes better use of our water than watering it every day.**



7th Ward Alderman Antoine Collins  
Ordinance and Resolution Committee Chairman  
708.891.8197

[www.calumetcity7thward.org](http://www.calumetcity7thward.org)

[acollins@calumetcity.org](mailto:acollins@calumetcity.org)



### ALDERMAN COLLINS CONGRATULATES ALL OF THE 2013 GRADUATES



On May 30th, 2013, Alderman Antoine Collins delivered the Commencement address to the Schrum graduating class of 2013 at T.F. North High School. In this year's address, Collins touted the need for the graduates to use

their "Free Will" responsibly, challenging the graduating class to find something or someone that motivates them to excel in a positive way. "Discovering who you are and your potential starts with you," stated the Alderman. "When you find that inspiration, you must cling to it and allow it to propel you to greatness. Embrace your gifts and discover your purpose."

### LET'S KEEP IT CLEAN



The 7th Ward Annual Summer Clean Up will be July 20, 2013. In addition to cleaning up the areas around your home, I am also requesting volunteers to help with other areas around the 7th Ward. From 7:00 AM until 12 Noon, we will be scouring the 7th

Ward block by block to clean it up. The first 50 residents to volunteer for this clean up will be given a pair of tickets to attend a White Sox game with Alderman Collins. The tickets are courtesy of the Jones Foundation (Thaddeus Jones) and the Collins Cares Initiative (Antoine Collins). To RSVP or for more information please leave a message at 708.360.9207 (Ext. 5) and your call will be returned.

On August 6, 2013, join your Alderman and fellow residents for an evening of WNBA Basketball. We will be attending the Chicago Sky vs. Indiana Fever game. The total cost to attend this event is \$10 dollars which includes your game ticket, round trip transportation and a hot dog and soda. To RSVP or for more information, please leave a message at 708.360.9207 (Ext. 5) and your call will be returned.



**SAVE THE DATE!!**  
**AUGUST 3rd, 2013**  
**Youth Event**  
**Details**  
**Coming Soon!!!**

### COLLINS & SIMS HOST A SHRED DAY

On Saturday, June 15th, Alderman Antoine Collins, along with State Representative Elgie R. Sims (34th District), sponsored Shred Day at River Oaks Shopping Center. Residents from all over came out to shred and properly recycle tons of paper free of charge. Residents were very well pleased that they were able to securely dispose of old and unwanted documents. Many watched first-hand with intrigue as their old papers were safely shredded in the mobile shredding truck provided by Shred - it. For more information on the Fall 2013 Shred Day in Calumet City don't hesitate to contact Alderman Collins' office at (708) 360-9207.



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Flood Protection Regulations

Every lot in Calumet City was originally designed so water would flow away from the building and along property lines to the street, storm sewer, or ditch. Fences, railroad ties, landscaping and regrading block this flow. So do construction projects in the ditches or the floodplain.

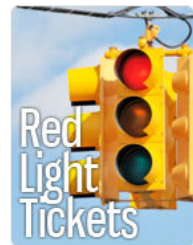
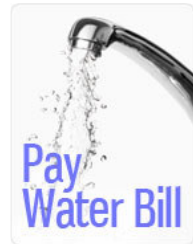
- Every piece of trash can contribute to flooding. Even grass clippings and branches can accumulate and plug channels. If your property is next to the river or a storage basin, please do your part and keep the banks clear of brush and debris.
- **DO NOT DUMP OR THROW ANYTHING INTO THE RIVER OR BASINS.** Dumping in a stream or storage basin is a violation of City Code.
- Always check with the Department of Inspectional Services before you build on, fill, alter, or regrade your property. A permit is needed to ensure that such projects do not cause problems on other properties.
- If you see dumping or debris in the river or basins, filling or construction near property lot lines, or filling or construction in the floodplain without a permit sign posted, contact the Department of Inspectional Services at 891-8120. The debris or project may cause flooding on your property.

New buildings in the floodplain (the A Zone depicted on map) must be protected from flood damage. Our building code requires that new residential buildings must be elevated one foot above the base flood level.

The ordinance also requires that all substantial improvements to a building be treated as a new building. A substantial improvement is when the value of an addition, alteration, repair or reconstruction project exceeds 50% of the value of the existing building. In the case of an addition, only the addition must be protected. In the case of an improvement to the original building, the entire building must be protected.

For example, if a house in the floodplain is flooded, has a fire, is hit by a tornado, or is otherwise damaged so that the cost of repairs is more than 50% of the value of the building before the damage, then the house must be elevated above the base flood level. This is explained in more detail in FEMA's book **Repairs, Remodeling, Additions, and Retrofitting**. Contact Inspectional Services for additional information regarding substantial improvements.

These regulations are designed to protect you and your neighbors. By keeping the drainage system clear and getting the proper permits before you build, we can prevent flooding and other drainage problems.



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## Mayor Announces Summer Youth Employment Program

MAY 24, 2013 by CALUMETCITYADMIN in FEATURED, WHAT'S NEW!

**Mayor Announces Summer Youth Employment Program.** Students offered opportunity to work in community.

CALUMET CITY, IL -Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush has announced her Summer Youth Employment Program. The program offers local students an opportunity to work in their community during the summer months.

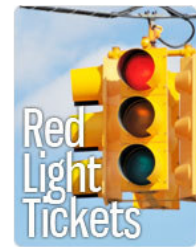
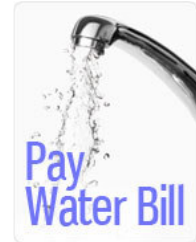
Students interested in applying for the program must meet the following requirements:

- (1) Must be a Calumet City resident
- (2) Must be sixteen (16) to twenty-one (21) years of age
- (3) Must have a valid Illinois driver's license or Illinois state identification card
- (4) Must be enrolled in high school or college for the 2013-2014 school year
- (5) Must be able to do physical labor outdoors (shovel, sweep, paint, etc)
- (6) Up to 49 applicants will be hired for this years program. Each alderman from the City's seven (7) Wards will chose seven (7) applicants to participate in the program.

Application Packets are available online by clicking the link [Summer Youth Employment Application Packet 2013](#) through Friday, June 7, 2013. Applications must be returned, accompanied with a resume, a copy of your social security card, a copy of your school identification card and copy of your Illinois driver's license or Illinois State identification card, to City Hall, 204 Pulaski Road, by June 7, 2013.

The Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program begins June 17, 2013 and will last until August 9, 2013. Students will be paid \$8.25 per hour and will be required to report to the Public Works Garage

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### Department of Streets, Alleys, Water, and Sewer (Public Works)

#### Services Provided:

- Snow removal
- Mowing of grass
- Graffiti removal
- Maintaining signs on public streets
- Street sweeping
- Removal of trees and tree branches on public property
- Leaf collection
- Maintenance of miles of sanitary storm or combined sewers
- Oversee the televising of sewers as a proactive repair program
- Oversee and maintain pumping stations
- Maintain retention ponds



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[Click here for information about water service and billing](#)

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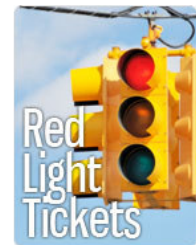
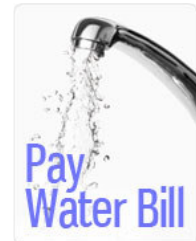
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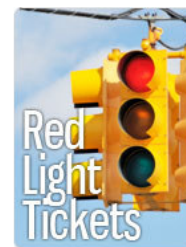
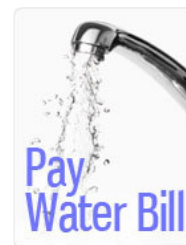
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### Flood Prevention

**Calumet City** residents that live near the Little Calumet River may be in a Special Flood Hazard Area. We want you to be aware of the hazard and what can be done to reduce flood damage. This information is sent annually to all properties located in the Special Flood Hazard Area as delineated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. It is part of the City's effort to save residents money by reducing flood insurance premiums.

For more information on flood hazards, construction rules or flood protection measures, **Contact the City of Calumet City Department of Inspectional Services**, 670 Wentworth Avenue (708) 891-8120



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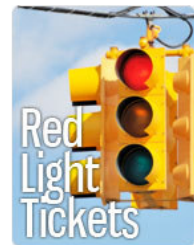
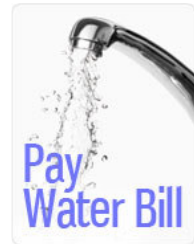
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## MUNICIPAL CODES FOR CALUMET CITY

MUNICIPAL CODE CALUMET CITY, ILLINOIS  
Codified through Ord. No. 03-78, adopted Dec. 29, 2003. (Republication)

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