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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – DECEMBER 3, 2014 FOREST PARK PROJECT RECEIVES AWARD

The Lake County Stormwater Management Commission recently recognized Forest Park as its 2014 “Development of the Year” and invited Forest Park Project Board members and consultants to its award ceremony and reception.

The Forest Park Project was commended for addressing infrastructure needs, solving draining issues, promoting sustainability, maintaining natural site amenities, and encouraging ravine education as part of the Forest Park Master Plan. The project provides a system of bioswales and rain gardens, impervious surface reduction, permeable paving, and native landscaping that provide on-site stormwater storage, filtration and infiltration, sustainable landscaping, and water quality benefits for Lake Michigan.

In addition, the project was recognized for the restoration of flatwoods wetlands for habitat and education purposes along with ravine educational signage at Seminary Ravine. Lastly, the Commission wishes to congratulate the Forest Park Board, a private-public partnership with the City of Lake Forest, established to finance and construct the project and maintain the historic 30-acre park, one of the last green open spaces along Lake Michigan.

“We are honored to receive this award and are proud of the Board's public/private partnership with the City to achieve the rehabilitation of the Park while maintaining a dedication to conservation and education. Future generations of Lake Foresters and visitors will enjoy the benefits of the updated Forest Park for many years to come,” commented Mayor Donald P. Schoenheider.

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