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RE:CORP PROJECT #. LRC-2021-000454
CLARIFICATION OF THE VILLAGE OF WINNETKA LETTER OF
SUPPORT FOR THE ELDER AND CENTENNIAL PARK AND BEACH
PROJECT

Dear IDNR and ACOE,

We request that the Village of Winnetka's letter of support, dated October 8th, 2021, regarding the Winnetka Park District's plan to combine Elder Lane Park and Beach with Centennial Park and Beach be clarified due to changes in the project plan that ensued after the submission of this document.

While we still fully support the Park District's original plan to combine the Elder and Centennial parks and beaches, the October 8th, 2021 Village of Winnetka letter of support did not contemplate the inclusion of steel privacy screens on the north and south portions of the WPD properties.

You have received communications stating otherwise, specifically a letter dated April 27th, 2022 from a consultant of the Winnetka Park District. The April 27th, 2022 permit application cover letter from Shabica and Associates seems to infer that the Village of Winnetka letter of support validated the inclusion of the privacy screens in its endorsement of the project. Please be advised that the Village Council wishes to clarify that our October 8th, 2021 correspondence was solely intended to support the overall vision to consolidate and expand the current beaches (Centennial and Elder). The addition of the privacy screens or any such similar installations to the permit application was not contemplated when we registered our support. While no mention of the privacy screens was included in our original letter, we wish to clarify that our continued support of the beach consolidation does not extend to the installation of any sort of visual or security screening.

Please append this clarification to our original letter so that the record indicates our continued conditional support with the exclusion of the privacy screens. Given the volume of passionate concerns voiced by residents over the addition of the screen, we urge you to consider approval of the project without this installation. Our residents highly value our lakefront, and the inclusion of these barriers would run contrary to the enjoyment of one of our most treasured natural resources.

Sincerely,

The Village of Winnetka Village Council