



LA GRANGE

Village of La Grange

53 S. La Grange Road, La Grange, IL 60525
lagrangeil.gov

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 30, 2026

Contact: Jack Knight, Village Manager

jknight@lagrangeil.gov

**Illinois Supreme Court Denies Petition for Leave to Appeal
Appellate Court 1st District's Ruling in Case Regarding 50th Street Sewer Project**

September 30, 2026 – Today, the Illinois Supreme Court denied Heidelberg Materials Midwest Agg Inc.'s (formerly Hanson Aggregates Midwest Inc.) Petition for Leave to Appeal. The filing was in regards to the June 30, 2026 Appellate Court, First District, ruling in favor of the Village that upheld Judge Neil Cohen's order declaring that the Village has a right to continue to use of its 54-inch storm sewer pipe located in the Village's South drainage basin. Hanson previously severed the Village's sewer infrastructure and, in 2016 as a response to Village plans to rebuild and improve this critical sewer, filed suit against the Village asserting that the Village was not permitted to repair and improve this part of its sewer system.

The Supreme Court's denial of the petition represents clearing the final legal hurdle in the Village's effort to proceed with its plans to construct the 50th Street Relief Storm Sewer Project and provide long-awaited flood relief to its residents in the areas near and along 50th Street in La Grange.

"The Village couldn't be happier in the Court's decision to deny the appeal and recognize that the quarry's claims were unfounded. We are grateful for the efforts of Daniel Stanner, Kyle Cooper, and John Fitzgerald, of Tabet, DiVito & Rothstein, in representing the Village at the trial and appellate courts as well as in the Illinois Supreme Court filing. We're also appreciative of the Appellate Court's affirmation of Judge Cohen's order that has worked to protect the Village and its residents from flooding. The Village has been dogged in its pursuit of providing flooding relief to our residents and we are excited to be even closer to constructing this project. We look forward to working with our partners at the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District on an Intergovernmental Agreement for the project and have set our sights on getting this project out to bid," said Village President Mark Kuchler.

The Village's project, located in the Village's South Basin (area south of 47th), consists of constructing a trunk stormwater sewer from Stone Avenue to East Avenue, lateral sewers to five depressional areas for regional drainage, outfall reconstruction to ensure that stormwater is safely conveyed into the quarry, and water main replacements as part of the Village's Lead Service Line Replacement program. The current project cost estimate is \$37.8 million, which will be broken into multiple construction phases. Next steps for the project include entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) to make the necessary financial arrangements then soliciting for bids to construct the project.