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June 11, 2026

Application No. C20260013

Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources
Public Notice

**Maintenance dredging of the Forest Park Beach harbor,
in Lake Michigan, at 551 Lake Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045**

The City of Lake Forest, 800 North Field Drive, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045, has applied for an Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources 10-year maintenance dredging permit to annually dredge up to 2,900 cubic yards of material from the Forest Park Beach harbor, in Lake Michigan, at 551 Lake Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045.

The applicant proposes to annually dredge up to 2,900 cubic yards of material from the bed of Lake Michigan in the Forest Park Beach inner harbor and boat launch area. The material will be dredged using hydraulic methods, and pumped to the south end of the park for open water disposal using the City's outfall pipe. The outfall pipe discharge location is approximately 900 feet south of the harbor. A turbidity curtain will be provided at the outfall pipe discharge. Prior to each year's dredging Lake Forest will submit sediment samples to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for their approval. A location map and plans are attached to this notice.

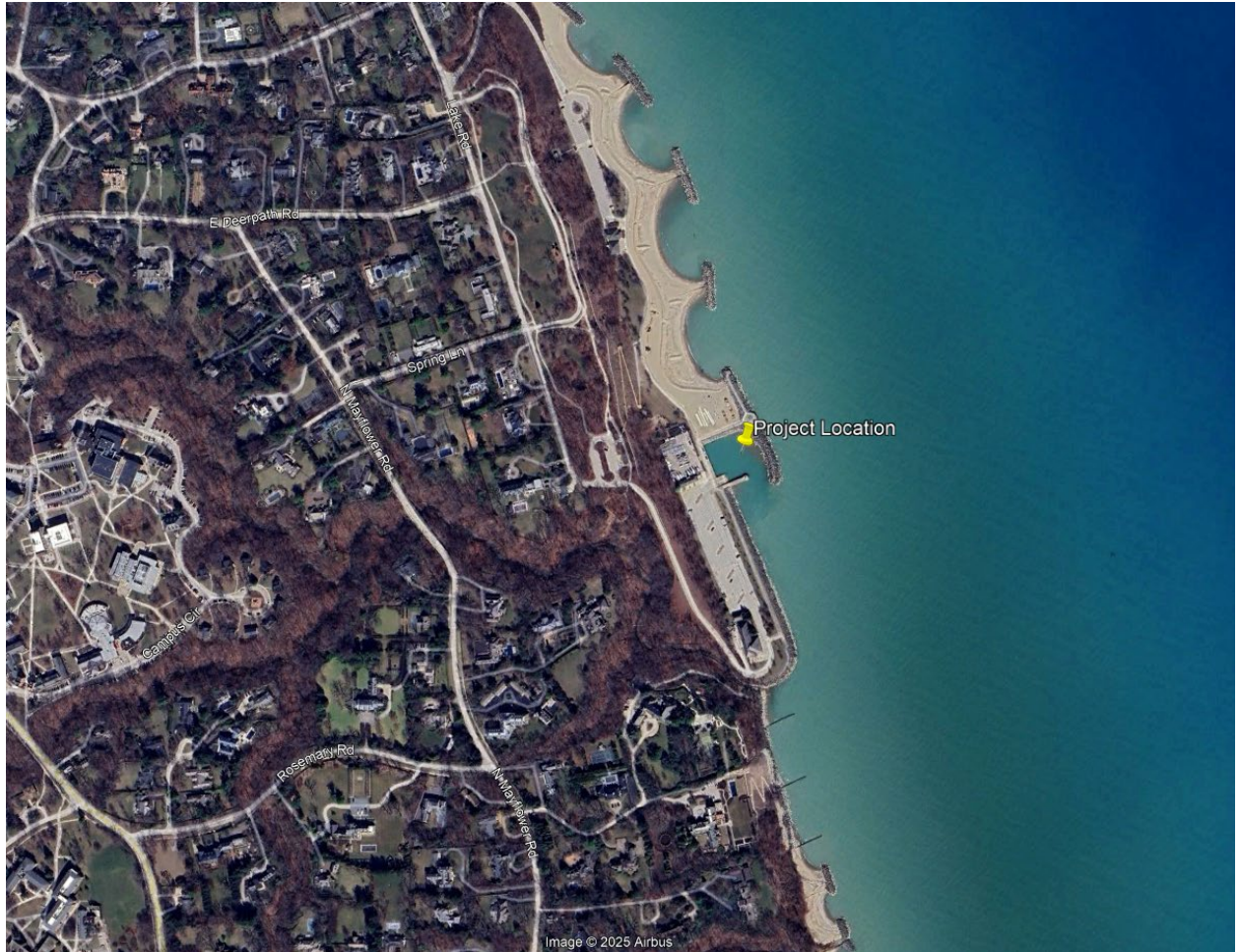
No work is to start on this project unless and until such a time that the permit is issued.

Inquiries and comments regarding the proposed project can be directed to Eric Otto, Senior Water Resources Engineer, of the Chicago Office at IDNR/OWR, 160 N. LaSalle Street, Suite S-703, Chicago, Illinois 60601 or eric.otto@illinois.gov.

An expanded version of the public notice can be viewed at <https://dnr.illinois.gov/waterresources/publicnotices.html>.

The signatures, email addresses, and phone numbers of the applicant, co-applicant (if any), and authorized agent (if any) are redacted from this public notice. The mailing addresses and phone numbers of adjoining and adjacent property owners are redacted from this public notice.

Comments will be accepted through **July 13, 2026**.



Credit: Background map obtained from Google Earth.