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PRESS RELEASE

DuPage Water Commission purchases property in Suburban Northbrook

DuPage County, IL – Today DuPage Water Commission (DWC) leaders announced they have closed on the purchase of a 127-acre parcel in Northbrook, known formerly as the Green Acres Golf Club. Acquisition of the site is a critical step for the DuPage Water Commission to enable the possible advancement of a new regional Lake Michigan source water project.

“This location is uniquely suited for our project, including ideal proximity to Lake Michigan, electric transmission facilities, and railroad and highway corridors,” said James Zay, Chairman of the DuPage Water Commission. “When we became aware that the property was available, we moved quickly to secure the site for the benefit of DuPage County residents and the larger suburban region.” Zay noted that large development sites in the suburban region are becoming increasingly rare as the location of data centers and distribution centers exert pressure on the market.

The DuPage Water Commission has been evaluating alternatives to provide improved access to Lake Michigan water for suburban and northeastern Illinois residents for several years. General Manager Paul May stated, “The economics now present an opportunity for a new regional system to be constructed which will position suburban communities in northeastern Illinois to manage water resources in a way which provides improved governance and ensures rate stability for future generations of Lake Michigan water consumers.”

The DuPage Water Commission has already engaged prospective partners, including other regional water wholesalers and suburban municipalities and it continues to seek partners in the project.

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About DuPage Water Commission: DWC has delivered nearly a trillion gallons of fresh Lake Michigan water to its one million customers during 30 years of pumping operations. It has become the standard for safe, clean, affordable Lake Michigan water in Illinois.