



## City of Evanston Official Statement Regarding Nicor's Liability for Environmental Contamination in/around James Park

The City values its relationships with its corporate partners and its productive relationships with utility companies servicing Evanston residents.

It is therefore unfortunate that in the course of the City's good faith efforts in 2014 to work through issues affecting the safety and health of residents in the James Park neighborhood, the City was met with stall tactics and misinformation by Nicor. The City worked to bridge the gap with Nicor in order to protect school children at Dawes School, sports teams using James Park, and seniors at the Levy Center. Instead of partnering with the City on solutions, Nicor and its high priced attorneys raced to the courthouse steps.

The City's pleadings filed in federal court on February 2, 2015 document the scientific basis and findings concerning Nicor's acts and omissions. These findings complement Nicor's own admissions that its old infrastructure is leaking, hazardous, and failing in the James Park neighborhood.