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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES
(December 17, 2015)

The DeKalb County Stormwater Management Planning Committee (SMPC) met on December 17, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in the DeKalb County Administration Building, Conference Room East, in Sycamore, Illinois. In attendance were Committee members Derek Hiland, Mark Bushnell, Paul Miller, Nathan Schwartz, Les Bellah, John Laskowski, Pat Vary, and Donna Prain. Also in attendance was Planning and Zoning Department staff Rebecca Von Drasek.

1. **Roll Call** -- *Mr. Miller noted that Committee members Kevin Bunge, Joe Misurelli, Roger Steimel, Paul Stoddard, and Tom Thomas were absent.*
2. **Approval of Agenda** – *Mr. Schwartz moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Hiland, and the motion carried unanimously.*
3. **Approval of Minutes** – *Ms. Vary moved to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2015 meeting as amended, seconded by Ms. Prain, and the motion carried unanimously with Mr. Bellah abstaining.*
4. **MS4 Enforcement**

Mr. Schwartz made a brief presentation regarding the outcomes of discussions regarding overlapping MS4 jurisdictions. In an effort to avoid duplicating efforts, there is a proposal to recognize the enforcement officer for each jurisdiction as the officer for any overlapping jurisdiction (e.g. the enforcement officer for the City of DeKalb would also be the officer for the County for that portion of the County jurisdiction that overlaps the City's). In the case of an investigation of a possible violation, the officer would notify and provide investigation reports to both jurisdictions. Each jurisdiction would review the enforcement efforts, and provide input as needed or deemed appropriate. This arrangement would be made official via intergovernmental agreements between the County and the municipalities.

Mr. Miller inquired if Intergovernmental agreements would allow a community sole oversight of their jurisdiction. He suggested that the inspection officers for each jurisdiction, County or municipal, could be designated as the inspection officer for both jurisdictions. When an incident is investigated, the officer could report to both the County and the city. He suggested that the idea of one officer providing oversight for overlapping jurisdictions could be brought up with IEPA. The Committee discussed the EPA's intentions and emphasized that the County and municipalities

would comply with the permits. The discussion also included that the shared liability was not in keeping with the division of government services in the State of Illinois.

Ms. Schwartz suggested that he would schedule a separate meeting with DeKalb, Sycamore, and Cortland representatives to agree on the process for inspecting illicit discharges and NPDES permits.

5. Update on Drainage Law Changes

Mr. Schwartz briefly reported on the 2014 update to the Illinois Drainage Law related to Highways and Adjacent Landowners. He provided the Committee with a handout and noted the political nature of some of the revisions and the need to wait for final resolution to some of the recent US EPA revisions.

6. Next Watershed Study Recommendation

The Watershed Steering Committee has recommended that, at such time as funding becomes available, the next watershed that should be the subject of a watershed plan should be the South Branch of the Kishwaukee River. The area extends from the north side of the Village of Shabbona to include all of the City of DeKalb and the southwest portion of the City of Sycamore. The watershed adjoins the East Branch of the Kishwaukee River watershed. This watershed was selected in part because it encompasses the largest population and improved land (businesses, houses, etc.), making it likely to generate a higher cost-benefit ratio and thus a more attractive project for grants.

Mr. Miller volunteered to reach out to Hey and Associates to gage the likelihood of further 319 grants to complete a watershed plan.

Ms. Vary requested an update on the implementation of the Union /Virgil Ditches and East Branch of the Kishwaukee River Watershed Plan.

Mr. Laskowski also suggested trying to find additional funding sources beyond the 319 grants.

Mr. Bellah offered to discuss watershed plan funding with Baxter Woodman and 319 grant projects with the Illinois Municipal League.

7. Next Meeting – The Committee will next meet at 3:00 p.m. on March 17, 2016 in the Conference Room East.

8. Adjournment -- *Mr. Schwartz motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Laskowski, and the motion carried unanimously.*

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Respectfully submitted,

Paul R. Miller, AICP
Chairman, DeKalb County Stormwater Management Planning Committee

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