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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES
(September 29, 2016)

The DeKalb County Stormwater Management Planning Committee (SMPC) met on September 29, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in the DeKalb County Legislative Building, Freedom Room, in Sycamore, Illinois. In attendance were Committee members: Kevin Bunge, Mark Bushnell, Tim Holdeman, John Laskowski, Kevin Hickey, Joe Misurelli, Donna Prain, Roger Steimel, Tom Thomas, and Pat Vary. Also in attendance was: Dean Johnson, Anita Zurbrugg, Mark Eddington, Mike Holland, and Planning and Zoning Department staff Marcellus Anderson.

1. **Roll Call** -- *Mr. Hickey noted that Committee members Les Bellah, Nathan Schwartz, and Paul Stoddard were absent. Committee members Mark Bushnell and John Laskowski arrived late.*

2. **Approval of Agenda** – *Mr. Misurelli moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Prain and the motion carried unanimously.*

3. **Approval of Minutes** – *Ms. Vary moved to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2016 meeting, seconded by Mr. Steimel, and the motion carried unanimously.*

Arrival of Mark Bushnell and John Laskowski.

4. Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair

Mr. Hickey informed the Committee that Mr. Miller, the former chair of the Committee, had relocated to another job out of state, and that as the Interim Planning Director, he was serving in his place. Mr. Hickey stated that the Committee needed to select a new chair and vice-chair for the Committee. He noted that it was felt that the Chair should stay with the office of the DeKalb County Planning, Zoning, and Building Department, as it served as a central depot of records and institutional knowledge for the committee.

Mr. Thomas made a motion that the DeKalb County Planning Director remain the Chair of the Committee, seconded by Ms. Prain, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Steimel made a motion nominating Nathan Schwartz as the Committee Vice-Chair, Seconded by Ms. Prain, and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Future 319 Grant Application

Dean Johnson, the DeKalb County Watershed Coordinator, informed the Committee that at the November 10, 2015 meeting of the Watershed Steering Committee, the South Branch of the Kishwaukee River Watershed was recommended as the area for the next watershed-based plan, once funding was secured. The area extending 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. He also passed out a map of the watershed area and information on Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Priority Watersheds.

Mr. Johnson stated that the applications for IEPA 319 grants would be accepted from May through August 1, 2017 to help fund a watershed-based plan. He also noted that based on the previous watershed grant, time would be needed to solicit “Requests for Qualifications” from potential grant winners. He then introduced Mark Eddington and Mike Holland of the DeKalb Sanitary District, who expressed support for a South Branch of the Kishwaukee Watershed Plan and indicated that the DeKalb Sanitary District wanted to join in the creation and implementation of such a plan. Mr. Johnson noted that Northern Illinois University (NIU), the City of DeKalb, and the various drainage districts included in that watershed would also be reached out to as potential partners in the project. Mr. Johnson then introduced Anita Zurbrugg, of the DeKalb County Community Foundation, and mentioned that the Land Use Committee of the Community Foundation had cash match funding set aside if a plan was approved.

Mr. Johnson ended his presentation by stating that he, as DeKalb County Watershed Coordinator, and the Advisory Committee were requesting approval from the Committee to start the process of receiving Requests for Qualifications so that they could then proceed with applying for an IEPA 319 grant to establish a watershed-based plan for the South Branch of the Kishwaukee River in DeKalb County.

Ms. Prain inquired as to why start the process now. Mr. Johnson and Ms. Zurbrugg explained the process involved, and elaborated on their experience developing the East Branch of the South Branch Kishwaukee Watershed Plan.

Ms. Zurbrugg elaborated on the reasons that the Community Foundation was involved, and laid out the resources they had available to contribute. She also expressed the Community Foundation’s satisfaction with the efforts previously made by the County and the SWPC.

Mr. Hickey inquired as to the costs involved with bringing in outside consultants. Mr. Johnson explained that there would be no money up-front, but that the prospective consultant would do the work with the understanding that if selected, they would be paid out of the monies received from the grant.

Mr. Thomas asked whether the Drainage Districts were private or municipal. Mr. Johnson answered that those Drainage Districts within the area in question were separate taxing bodies in the agricultural areas.

Ms. Zurbrugg told the Committee that there should be no cash outlay by the County, but that most of its contribution would be as “in kind” services.

Mr. Bushnell inquired as to the process for selecting a consultant. Mr. Johnson explained the process, but did ask the committee whether the Advisory Committee be the one to choose the consultant or if it should be the SMPC. Mr. Thomas suggested that the advisory committee should provide a recommendation to the SMPC, who would then decide.

Mr. Laskowski inquired as to the time line for the grant approval. Mr. Johnson replied that a response could be expected by June of 2018. Ms. Zurbrugg mentioned that it was possible that it might be earlier, depending on the monies available.

Ms. Vary made a motion to accept the proposed timetable and to approve of the request to start the process, seconded by Mr. Thomas, and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Discussion and Recommendation to Changes to Stormwater Ordinance

Mr. Bushnell presented a proposed revision to Section 10 of the DeKalb County Stormwater Ordinance, explaining that the intent of the revisions were to protect wetlands while providing an applicant clear direction of mitigation requirements should wetland impacts be proposed. He then described the process used to create the proposed changes.

Mr. Bushnell noted that the key changes included: Process to identify and classify wetlands; threshold of a minimum wetland size of 0.25 acres; mitigation requirements based on the floristic quality index of the existing impacted wetland and the percentage wetland disturbed; and mitigation requirements including plan, monitoring, and reporting standards.

Mr. Bushnell finished by noting that the proposed modifications were being presented so that the Committee could discuss the changes and if possible make a recommendation on the modification of the Stormwater Ordinance.

Ms. Prain suggested adding DeKalb County to the list of counties in item 10.8.a.1, which referred to "... a professional engineer or a certified wetland specialist recognized in Kane, DuPage, McHenry, Lake, or Will Counties." Mr. Bushnell responded that DeKalb County does not have a certification process for wetland specialists like the other counties named, which was why it was not named. Mr. Bunge suggested that "professional engineer" be stricken from the same line, saying that it should just be a certified wetland specialist, not just a professional engineer who may not have much, if any, experience with wetlands. Mr. Bushnell stated he would make the changes.

Ms. Vary noted that in item 10.8.a.3, it was noted that the "procedure" should be changed to "calculation".

Mr. Bunge inquired where a land owner could go to see what is a wetland; would it be on the County's official map or would it be from other sources. Mr. Bushnell replied that there is a hierarchy of mapping, and that was not identified in the Ordinance itself, but it would be the responsibility of the applicant to do due diligence to determine if a wetland was present. Mr. Bunge indicated that he would prefer that a list be included.

Ms. Vary noted that under Section 10.8.d, "Fee in lieu of Mitigation" was crossed off in sections "<7" and "7-16" of the chart, but not in section "16-25". Mr. Bushnell responded that it should have been crossed off also.

Ms. Prain noted that under Section 10.8.e.5, change "... 85% vegetative cover ..." to "... 85% vegetative composed of at least 80% native species ...".

Ms. Vary inquired why five (5) years was chosen for the monitoring and management period. Ms. Prain responded that after five (5) years of being established and monitored, it would only require minimal effort to continue it afterwards.

Mr. Bunge noted that the last sentence of Section 10.8.f, started with "When possible ...", and asked that it be changed or clarified as to what it would mean.

Mr. Bushnell stated that he would take the Committee's suggestions, incorporate them into the proposal, and resubmit it to the Committee at its next meeting.

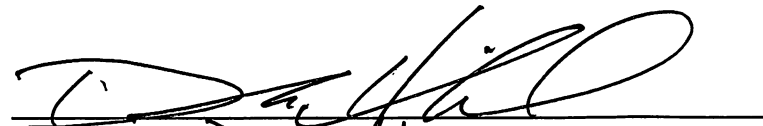
Ms. Vary noted that under 10.8.b, the first sentence contained a second appearance of the word "Wetlands" that did not seem to fit. Mr. Bushnell confirmed that the second "Wetlands" was a typo and would be removed.

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7. **Next Meeting** – The Committee will next meet at 3:00 p.m. on January 19, 2017 in the Conference Room East.

7. **Adjournment** -- *Mr. Steimel motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Thomas, and the motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,



~~Kevin Hickey~~ *Derek Hiland*
~~Interim~~ Chairman, DeKalb County Stormwater Management Planning Committee

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