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STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 29, 2025

To: Stormwater Management Committee

From: Sarah Hunn, P.E., Director, DuPage County Stormwater Management

Re: **NEW** Cost Share Program – Residential Drainage Assistance Program

Approximately ten years ago, DuPage County Stormwater Management staff took responsibility of the County's Residential Drainage Assistance Program to help address drainage concerns within unincorporated areas of DuPage County. The primary focus of the program is to provide assistance to unincorporated residents countywide through technical advice and recommendations or to perform construction improvements if a specific set of criteria are met. In order for DuPage County to fully fund an improvement, two or more homes have to experience flooding from overland flow, septic fields must be rendered unusable, or roadways must have more than six inches (6") of standing water. Often times, that criteria cannot be accomplished, leaving property owners to self-fund any projects they deem necessary to improve drainage on their property.

Stormwater Management staff has noted over the recent years that many DuPage County municipalities offer funding assistance to help address areas of standing water that wouldn't otherwise be covered by a government program. As such, department staff has been working for several months to establish a program that can provide a similar level of service to unincorporated residents.

The Residential Drainage Assistance Cost Share Program (RDAP) is proposed to provide financial assistance for residential and commercial properties located within unincorporated DuPage County. This program would partially fund projects for properties that experience nuisance ponding or single structure flooding but do not qualify under the current program for a fully funded project. Each project could be reimbursed up to 50% of the total project cost and maximum \$5,000 County share.

The Stormwater Management Department has requested a total of \$50,000 in the FY2026 budget to fund this new cost share program. Moving forward, the department plans to continue requesting an allocation to assist unincorporated

residents with addressing localized flooding. Staff hope to be able to award ten (10) or more projects annually.

To learn more about the program, please feel free to visit the website created solely for the cost share program. The department hopes to advertise the program publicly in October to begin accepting electronic applications as early as November 2025.

https://www.dupagecounty.gov/government/departments/stormwater_management/cost-share_drainage_assistance_program.php