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STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Stormwater Management Planning Committee

FROM: Claire Kissane, Stormwater Management

SUBJECT: Water Quality Improvement Program Grant FY2026

DATE: September 17, 2025

Action Requested: Staff is requesting approval to open the Water Quality Improvement Program Grant for FY2026.

Since 2000, Stormwater Management's Water Quality Improvement Program has budgeted funds to provide financial assistance for projects that provide a regional water quality benefit to DuPage County streams. Based on allocated funding, Stormwater Management offers to potentially fund up to twenty-five percent of construction costs for projects that provide water quality benefits. Eligible projects include stream restoration, detention basin retrofit, shoreline stabilization, native plantings, and green building technologies that reduce or filter stormwater runoff. Both public and private organizations are eligible to apply for financial assistance. Projects are prioritized based on an evaluation of project merit, including consideration of water quality benefit, readiness to proceed, public education, runoff reduction, environmental justice areas, natural resource benefits, long term maintenance, multiple use benefits, and watershed plan implementation. Applications shall be submitted through an online portal. The full application packet is attached.

The application deadline for project submittals is Friday, January 2, 2026.

