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# STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Stormwater Management Planning Committee

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

SUBJECT: Stormwater Program Update June 2026

DATE: June 2, 2026

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### *Watershed Planning*

#### Prentiss Creek Watershed Plan:

Our consultant has completed extensive updates to the existing conditions hydraulic model. Much of the feedback received from residents and stakeholders indicated many problem areas that were outside the existing floodplain limits. As such, we re-delineated the watershed, created 22 new depression/storage basin areas, and identified new features to create an updated existing conditions model. The project team is working through options to complete the proposed conditions modeling, and the subsequent watershed plan. The Prentiss Creek Watershed includes portions of Downers Grove, Woodridge, Darien, Lisle, and Unincorporated DuPage County.

#### Sawmill Creek Watershed Plan:

County staff continues to work with our consultant to identify existing problem areas and to develop the modified existing conditions hydraulic model to represent all current hydraulic structures. The first stakeholder meeting was conducted in-person on April 29 at the Community Resource Center of Willowbrook where approximately 20 residents shared their flooding issues. The meeting included a detailed presentation by county staff and our consultant, and a schedule and next steps were shared with all attendees. The project team expects to complete an analysis of existing conditions over the next month, before work begins on proposed conditions. This first meeting was primarily used to obtain information related to existing flooding problems within the watershed. The Sawmill Creek Watershed includes large portions of Willowbrook, Darien, as well as smaller areas of Downers Grove, Burr Ridge, Lemont and Unincorporated DuPage County.

### *Facilities/Operations/Shared Services Projects*

#### Shared Services/Drainage Projects:

Staff is working with the City of West Chicago to obtain a permit and enter into an IGA for a sewer replacement project mostly in unincorporated West Chicago. Staff also continues to evaluate feasibility of a project in unincorporated Lombard and unincorporated Downers Grove.

Staff is working with three (3) property owners who were awarded funds by Stormwater Committee in March 2026 for drainage improvements through the **new** Cost Share Drainage Assistance Program. Projects are expected to be completed this year.

### Facilities/Operations:

Staff continues to monitor the spring rain events and ensure facilities are operational should the rivers, lakes, and streams rise to levels that necessitate operation. All facilities are inspected weekly and are fully operational.

The awarded contractor, Access Limited Construction, has begun work on the Elmhurst Quarry Highwall Stabilization Project. Minor clearing along the highwalls is complete, and the crew is working on scaling the walls, where loose rock on the highwalls is scraped off so a stable surface remains. Once scaling is complete, new wire mesh netting with bolts and anchors will be installed along the highwalls to keep them in place. Black and Veatch will be assisting the department with oversight of this specialty work. Construction is expected to last through the end of the year.

### ***Water Quality***

The NPDES annual report will be submitted to the IEPA on behalf of DuPage County and 41 co-permittee municipalities and townships by the June 1 deadline.

### ***Regulatory***

Staff capacity remains heavily committed as we continue to prioritize core functions, including permit reviews and processing, pre-application meetings, wetland boundary determinations, and support for waiver communities. At the same time, progress remains steady in other areas, with the ad hoc group continuing to make headway on the Stormwater Ordinance Guidance Document.

In addition, Clayton Heffter, our long time Stormwater Permitting Manager retired on June 1<sup>st</sup>. We wish him well in his retirement; he will be missed. David Winklebleck has been promoted to Chief Stormwater Permit Engineer, congratulations to David.

### ***ARPA Projects***

The contractor for the St. Joseph Creek Condominiums flood gate and flood wall projects was back on site working on final completion for both projects. As of May 31, 2026, the project has met final completion. A total of five (5) flood gates and three (3) pump stations, along with new storm sewer and walls now protect three (3) condominium buildings from flooding when St. Joseph Creek overtops its banks.

### ***IEPA Section 319 Grant Project***

The Winfield Creek/Campus Streambank Stabilization Project broke ground mid-July and reached substantial completion at the end of 2025. The contractor, Semper Fi Landscaping, Inc., will continue to manage the native vegetation and new woody plantings for approximately the next five years.