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# STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Stormwater Management Planning Committee

FROM: Mary Beth Falsey, Stormwater Management

SUBJECT: Water Quality Program Public Comments

DATE: February 23, 2026

Stormwater Management staff created a virtual public meeting space in accordance with DuPage County's National Pollution Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) Permit No. ILR40 from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency which allows us to discharge stormwater into waterways. The NPDES permit requires the County hold at least one meeting annually for the public to provide input on the countywide water quality program. The virtual public meeting space included a recorded presentation and public comment portal. The public comment portal was opened February 3, 2026. A press release was posted on the County's website and shared with all 41 partner municipalities to post to their websites and share the portal information and comment opportunity with their residents.

The comment period officially ended February 17, 2026. During the comment period, a total of 7 submissions were received. The public comments along with the responses are attached. Most of the comments received this year were regarding drinking water, which is not supplied by DuPage County Stormwater Management. Moving forward, staff will provide additional information on the public portal page to clarify the role of the Stormwater Management Department in protecting the water quality of our rivers, streams, lakes, and ponds.



Name	Date Submitted	Comment	Response
Bonnie Krause	2/4/2026	I have one thing to say when you speak of water quality, remove all fluoride from our drinking water. It is proven to be poison to us the residents. "A lawsuit against the EPA was initiated by a coalition of organizations after the agency denied a petition to ban or limit fluoride in drinking water, claiming it poses health risks. A federal court ruled that the EPA must regulate fluoride more strictly under the Toxic Substances Control Act due to evidence of its potential harm, especially to infants." Why is this this still going on. Yes, we need transparency now.	DuPage County Stormwater Management does not supply drinking water. Please contact your water provider for information on drinking water. You may refer to your water bill for their contact information.
Miranda Dillon	2/5/2026	Limp to no water pressure. Could suggest mineral or other buildup in old pipes. My 1951 house is old and the water piping/connection to the city definitely needs to be updated	DuPage County Stormwater Management does not supply drinking water. Please contact your water provider for information on drinking water. You may refer to your water bill for their contact information.
John Fleckles	2/5/2026	The water quality in Butterfield Manor (Glen Ellyn) is very hard. My neighbors and I have noticed the water needs to run for a minute or so to be clear, and our dishwashers and other appliances leave a cumulative film on items. Additionally the toilet water will leave a dark ring at the water edge that isn't rust colored. Is there any way to find out why this is happening?	DuPage County Stormwater Management does not supply drinking water. Please contact your water provider for information on drinking water. You may refer to your water bill for their contact information.
Denise Hansen	2/6/2026	The quality of the water in my home in Clarendon Hills smells like chlorine quite frequently. This can not be healthy for human consumption. Clarendon Hills is notorious for Watermain breaks throughout the community. I get notifications sometimes three a week that a Watermain has broken. The infrastructure is not being maintained properly in Clarendon Hills it would seem. My personal opinion is that new homes being built are taxing the aging pipes that were never designed to support such large homes. Water that is safe is vital for good health. Killing us slowly.	DuPage County Stormwater Management does not supply drinking water. Please contact your water provider for information on drinking water. You may refer to your water bill for their contact information.
Michael Hansen	2/6/2026	The quality of the water in my home in Clarendon Hills smells like chlorine quite frequently. This can not be healthy for human consumption. Clarendon Hills is notorious for Watermain breaks throughout the community. I get notifications sometimes three a week that a Watermain has broken. The infrastructure is not being maintained properly in Clarendon Hills it would seem. My personal opinion is that new homes being built are taxing the aging pipes that were never designed to support such large homes. Water that is safe is vital for good health. Killing us slowly.	DuPage County Stormwater Management does not supply drinking water. Please contact your water provider for information on drinking water. You may refer to your water bill for their contact information.
Do Cooke	2/6/2026	Despite years of loss from the erosion from the stormwater outfall behind 8006 Everglade in Woodridge, the Village has failed to provide any effective barrier to prevent the loss of huge trees being uprooted by erosion and sinking yards. I just had to remove a 27" diameter tree before it fell on my house. Years ago, another even larger tree did fall on my house doing extensive damage. From behind my house south to Route 53 homes are experiencing the effects of erosion from a stormwater flow that was never properly shored up when the outfall was enlarged by the Village years ago. Despite their original easement agreement to terrace the backyard as it had been, my backyard property was graded into a big slope with only some decorative timbers and not the retaining timbers as promised. Backyard fences have fallen down and contractors cannot install new ones because of the erosion. This is a safety hazard and a great negative effect on the value of my property. I have photographs and documents verifying the damage and agreements, but the Village has not been responsive in any meaningful way.	The Village of Woodridge is responsible for installation and maintenance of the storm sewer system within the Village. This comment has been shared with Woodridge.
Donald Davis	2/15/2026	Village does what the village wants	Noted