

Lake County Illinois

*Lake County Courthouse and Administrative Complex
18 N. County Street
Waukegan, IL 60085-4351*



Agenda Report - Final

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

10:30 AM

**or 10 minutes after the conclusion of the Public Works and
Transportation Committee, whichever is later.**

**Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register for remote attendance at:
<https://bit.ly/3GZN349>**

**Planning, Building, Zoning and Environment
Committee**

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: The public can attend Lake County Committee and Board meetings (two options):

- (1) In-person attendance is on the 10th Floor of the County Administrative Tower (9th Floor, if necessary), 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois.
- (2) Remote attendance through an electronic conferencing application (register via the link on the front page of the agenda).

RECORDING: Meetings, to include Public Comment, will be recorded.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Time is reserved near the beginning of the meeting for all Public Comment. At the Chair's discretion, Public Comment for an item(s) on the agenda may be presented during consideration of that specific item. Public Comment will proceed in the following order: (1) Public Comment by individuals in attendance and then (2) Public Comment by individuals attending remotely through an electronic conferencing application. Individuals may provide written Public Comment that must be received by 3:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting (emailed to PublicComment@Lakecountyil.gov or delivered to the County Board Office 18. N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois, (10th floor)). Written comments will be circulated to the Members, but not read aloud.

Individuals providing Public Comment will provide the following information:
Meeting: Planning, Building, Zoning and Environment Committee (Subject line for written Public Comment)

Topic or Agenda Item #: (REQUIRED)

Name: (REQUIRED)

Organization/Entity Represented: (REQUIRED) ("Self" if representing self)

Street Address, City, State: (Optional)

Phone Number: (Optional)

Email: May be REQUIRED for remote attendance

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call of Members
4. Addenda to the Agenda
5. Public Comment
6. Chair's Remarks
7. Unfinished Business
8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 8.1 - 8.2)

MINUTES

8.1 **23-1590**

Committee action approving the Planning, Building, Zoning and Environment Budget Hearing minutes from October 18, 2023.

Attachments: [PBZ&E Budget Hearing 10.18.23 Final Minutes](#)

8.2 **24-0045**

Committee action approving the Planning, Building, Zoning and Environment Committee minutes from November 29, 2023.

Attachments: [PBZ&E 11.29.23 Final Minutes](#)

REGULAR AGENDA

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

8.3 **24-0041**

Joint resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$750,000 for the Lake Bluff Downtown Flooding Mitigation Project by the Stormwater Management Commission (SMC), with funding provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 Public Law (117-328), specifically allocated for the Economic Development Initiative (EDI) for Community Project Funding (CPF) administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

- SMC has received a CPF Grant Agreement (B-23-CP-IL-0593) from HUD for \$750,000 for the Lake Bluff Downtown Flooding Mitigation Project located in the Village of Lake Bluff.
- The CPF Grant does not require a local match, however, additional funding will be provided by the project partner, the Village of Lake Bluff, to reimburse the SMC for the grant program administration.

- The project includes the engineering and design work for the storm sewer improvements at West Scranton Avenue Viaduct and along Sheridan Road that will increase storm water conveyance and reduce viaduct flooding in Lake Bluff.
- Emergency appropriations are needed for the project cost of \$750,000 which is not included in the current year budget. SMC will use funding for project expenditures which will be reimbursed by HUD.

Attachments: [Award Letter B-23-CP-IL-0593](#)
[Grant Agreement B-23-CP-IL-0593](#)
[HUD Form 1044 B-23-CP-IL-0593](#)

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

8.4 [24-0047](#)

Presentation and Resolution to support and endorse the Solar Switch Group Buy programs organized by the Midwest Renewable Energy Association and the Citizens Utility Board.

- On October 11, 2022 the Lake County Board passed a resolution endorsing the 2023 solar group buy program organized by the Midwest Renewable Energy Association and the Citizens Utility Board.
- Staff prepared an informational presentation on the outcomes of the 2023 Solar Switch program.
- Resolution would endorse the 2024 solar group buy programs organized by the Midwest Renewable Energy Association and the Citizens Utility Board.

Attachments: [Solar Switch Group Buy](#)

PLANNING, BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT

8.5 [23-1768](#)

Presentation on proposed text amendments to the Lake County, Illinois Code of Ordinances to increase the planting and protection of native tree and plant species in unincorporated Lake County.

- In 2022, the Public Works, Planning and Transportation Committee directed staff to draft proposed ordinance amendments including: modifying the Plant Materials list to remove invasive or disease-affected trees; adding trees that are either native or adapted to future climate conditions; reducing required minimum plant caliper width; and increasing species mix limits to ensure more biodiverse and resilient plantings.
- To help determine the feasibility of any corresponding amendments, Planning Building & Development staff sought assistance from Openlands to conduct a market study regarding the local supply, costs, and any limitations and opportunities to utilize more local native plant materials.
- In reintroducing the native tree topic to the PBZ&E Committee, staff has invited

Openlands to present their research findings to the Committee. Following the Openlands presentation, staff will highlight corresponding amendment concepts prior to presenting detailed draft amendments at a subsequent Committee meeting.

Attachments: [Native Trees Info Paper 1.10.24](#)

[Openlands Memo & Scenario Tests 02.2023](#)

[PBZE - 1.10.24 - Native Trees](#)

8.6 **24-0004**

Director's Report - Planning, Building and Development.

9. **County Administrator's Report**

10. **Executive Session**

11. **Member Remarks and Requests**

12. **Adjournment**

Next Meeting: January 31, 2024