



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning, Building, Zoning & Environment Committee
FROM: Brian Frank, Chief Engineer
DATE: June 7, 2023
SUBJECT: Watershed Development Ordinance (WDO) Amendments

No Action Requested: Information Only

Ordinance amending the Lake County Watershed Development Ordinance (WDO).

- On April 5, 2023, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) notified SMC, Lake County and several Communities that FEMA had issued new maps for nineteen Lake County Communities. The email mentioned that letters were recently sent to all affected communities and that the FEMA maps must be adopted by October 5, 2023.
- Both FEMA and IDNR have been in coordination with SMC regarding amendments since April 2022. The project timeline for these amendments started to come together in January 2023.
- Over the past 4 months, the SMC and its advisory committees held 4 public meetings. These meetings included us developing, discussing, and approving 33 proposed amendments. There were two amendments discussed and approved in 2021 by the SMC Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). These two 2021 amendments (approved rainfall data and IDNR floodway storage regulations) continue to be valid since no pertinent updates have occurred over the past two years regarding these topics.
- In total there are 35 proposed amendments. The proposed amendments pertain to coastal high hazard areas (V-Zones), FEMA maps, wetlands, floodway storage, floodplains, designated erosion control inspections, rainfall table, and administrative items.

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