



May 15, 2026

Lake County Stormwater Management Commission
500 W. Winchester Road, Suite 201
Libertyville, IL 60048

Attention: Kurt Woolford, Executive Director

Subject: ASCE Report Card for Illinois Infrastructure – 2027 Update
Request for Assistance Regarding Stormwater

Dear Mr. Woolford:

The Illinois Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) is beginning to collect data to review our infrastructure to produce an update in 2027 to our 2022 Report Card for Illinois Infrastructure. The Infrastructure Report Card Update will be an educational tool that will help to inform both the public and policymakers about the condition and needs of our state's infrastructure. We wanted to make you aware of our efforts and ask for your support in the process.

Recently, ASCE released the 2025 Report Card for America's Infrastructure which highlighted the condition and needs of the Nation's infrastructure. The Illinois Section ASCE has typically followed the national report card release with a state-focused version written by experienced local professionals in each of the areas such as drinking water and roads. Each category will receive an overall grade that clearly explains how well the State's needs are being funded and what steps can be taken to improve the grade. The Report Card is intended to shine a critical light on the infrastructure that our health, welfare, and economy rely on every day.

The grades from the Infrastructure Report Card do not reflect the hard work and diligent oversight of local agencies or departments. It is intended to heighten the public's understanding of our infrastructure needs, such as long-term investments, on-going sustainable maintenance, capital expansion and replacements to serve growing populations, and plans for the future and safety of each citizen. Agencies are often doing the best they can with the very limited resources available to them, and we will look to highlight this issue. Across the country, budget cuts, delayed maintenance, and a lack of investment capital are taking their toll.

The Report Card Committee intends to work with government officials, industry leaders, and policymakers to assess the maintenance and operations, condition, capacity, funding, future need, resilience, and impact on public safety of our local infrastructure. We would specifically request of you any information that you have regarding Stormwater within the State of Illinois. If you could provide that information to the Stormwater Sub-Committee Chair (Darren Olson) at dolson@cbbel.com, we will use this information in the Report Card Update and would be pleased to discuss the outcomes with you when the Report Card is nearing completion. For your information, the 2022 Report Card can be viewed at <https://infrastructurereportcard.org/state-item/illinois/>.

Best regards,

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Patrick Lach, PE, CFM
Report Card Committee Chair

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Darren Olson, PE, CFM
Stormwater Chair

CC: Jimmy Canning, PE, CFM - Stormwater Sub-Committee Chair (Via email)