



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM

January 8, 2026

To: Stormwater Management Commission

From: Ashley Strelcheck, Water Resources Professional

RE: North Branch Chicago River Watershed Workgroup FY2026 Ratifications

ACTION REQUESTED: RATIFICATION (3 ITEMS)

Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC), under an on-going contract with the North Branch Chicago River Watershed Workgroup (NBWW), acts as workgroup administrative and fiscal agents; therefore, SMC must ratify the budgets and contracts approved by the Workgroup. The funds to pay for workgroup expenses, including these contracts, are revenue from workgroup member dues, not SMC's levy.

1. The NBWW Draft FY2026 Budget was approved by the NBWW Executive Board on December 10, 2025 and requires SMC ratification in order to pay vendors in FY2026.
2. The SMC Agreement is for performing administrative and technical coordinator services for the NBWW in the amount of \$24,000 annually. The agreement was approved by the NBWW Executive Board on November 12, 2025, and requires SMC ratification.
3. The North Shore Water Reclamation District (NSWRD) FY2026 Technical Services Agreement is for performing water chemistry monitoring services for the NBWW in the amount of \$26,618.75, was approved by the NBWW Executive Board on November 12, 2025, and requires SMC ratification.

Please reach out to Ashley Strelcheck, astrelcheck@lakecountyil.gov for any questions or comments.