



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM

July 31, 2025

To: Stormwater Management Commission
From: Kurt Woolford, Executive Director; Mike Prusila, Planning Supervisor & Ashley Strelcheck, Water Resources Professional
RE: Lake County Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan Update: Draft SMC Mission Statements

ACTION REQUESTED: DISCUSSION/DIRECTION

SMC is updating the 2002 Lake County Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan (Plan). As part of this update, staff reviewed the previous mission statements used by the agency (1990, 1994, 2015—see Attachment 1) and engaged the Municipal Advisory Committee as well as the entire SMC staff regarding potential updates to the 2015 SMC mission statement. Based on this input, two draft mission statements have been developed for the Commission’s review and discussion. Staff request direction from the SMC Commissioners regarding the updated mission statement. Direction from the Commissioners will aid staff in addressing the goals and objectives of the updated Plan, given the increased demand for *establishing reliable funding source(s) for capital improvement and maintenance programs identified as SMC’s top priority in the next 10 years.*

1. SMC Draft Mission Statement with no mention of funding or funding sources:
SMC's mission is to coordinate and develop partnerships with local jurisdictions for stormwater activities that reduce flood damages, improve water quality, and protect and restore natural drainage systems. SMC strives to preserve and protect the integrity of the Lake County's water resources through long-term solutions which protect and enhance the lives and properties of Lake County residents, recognize the unique requirements of each watershed, and comply with state and federal requirements.
2. SMC Draft Mission Statement acknowledging program funding:
SMC's mission is to coordinate and develop local partnerships to implement stormwater activities that reduce flood damages, improve water quality, and protect and restore natural drainage systems **leveraging local, state and federal funding with capital and maintenance program funds.** SMC strives to preserve and protect the integrity of the Lake County's water resources through long-term solutions which protect and enhance the lives and properties of Lake County residents, recognize the unique requirements of each watershed, and comply with state and federal requirements.

Attachment 1: Reference - Evolution of SMC Mission Statements



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Attachment 1: Reference - Chronology of SMC Mission Statements

- **1990 SMC Mission:** To provide and maintain a system of stormwater conveyances and controls which protects the lives and property of Lake County residents, recognizes the unique requirements of the individuals watersheds, and complies with state and federal requirements.
- **1994 SMC Interim Mission:** Provide desired community services toward the primary goals of flood damage reduction and surface water quality improvement.
- **2015 SMC Interim Mission:** SMC's mission is to coordinate the stormwater activities of over 80 local jurisdictions to improve water quality, reduce flood damages, and restore and enhance the natural drainage system.