

Comment #	Comment	Commenter Name	Comment Date	Relevant Section or Page	Responder	Response
1	I am with the Northeast Illinois Council, Boy Scouts of America, Conservation Committee Chair as a volunteer. Scouts can plan conservation service award projects, advancement service projects and outdoor education, and more by completing conservation service work. There are areas that relate to youth education and service that scouts can assist on this great project. Please continue to keep us informed of upcoming projects that we can assist in.	Mike Anderson, Northeast Illinois Council- Boy Scouts of America - Conservation Committee Volunteer	3/16/2023	<i>Chapter 2.2.5 Watershed Goal #4 - watershed education and communication Chapter 7.5.2 Riverwatch - monitoring and stream cleanup Chapter 8.3.3 Schools and youth group - monitoring, clean up, restoration and other projects</i>	Mike Prusila	Noted. The email address of the commenter has been added to SMC's Lake Michigan watershed contact list. All stakeholders are encouraged to partner with such groups such as the Boy Scouts to achieve education and outreach goals as well as stewardship/conservation work.
2	Multiple taxpayer funded entities need to work together to accomplish the watershed goals. Keeping local to the one I know best, Kellogg Creek I recognize numerous photos from the 1500 page document. Without diligent research, just walks and bike rides, I can count nine local tax payer entities that are stakeholders, and two federal agencies. I might not be completely accurate with which roads are state or county. Can I suggest having meetings with some of these organizations might be helpful to the watershed goals? State of IL (Sheridan Road/ 173)City of Zion (16th St., 17th St. run off and boulevards into Beulah ParkLake County Highway department Zion Park District (Beulah Park ravines) - meet to help them with grants? Village of Winthrop Harbor (run off from the Oaks-April Ave, 12th & 11th St. creek feeds into Kellogg Creek under power line) North Shore Sanitary District - has at least 3 manholes and an easement with B. Cliff landowner in the ravine AND a pumping station on Park Ave & 17th St. along the creek.Illinois Beach State Park/ Department of Natural ResourcesLake County Public Water District (at 17th entrance of state park)Storm Water ManagementEnvironmental Protection Agency Army Core of Engineers If the one of the main goals is to decrease flooding and erosion these organizations that have the needed access. I often see the Lake County Highway Department out cutting down trees and mowing ditches. Perhaps overlapping with their regular maintenance would be fruitful, just rotating in two locations a year would be helpful. North Shore Sanitary was down in our ravine checking manholes , and are about to begin exploring which pipes need updating, just feet from the creek. Smart grid is going in all over and cut paths creating access to heavily wooded areas near creek. I get it, these entities all have their own agendas and budgets but from where I sit it seems silly not to coordinate and work together. Since meeting with homeowners and small conservation groups has been going on for years (10+ ?) perhaps a new approach is needed. In the meantime, I pulled out two tires from the creek. Feel free to bring your chainsaw and help with fallen trees. :)	Ronda Nissen, Homeowner	3/29/2023	<i>pictures pages 25- 26 94- 99 102-113 309 numerous others too; address 1528 Sheridan Road</i>	Mike Prusila	Improved and more productive coordination among public agencies as it relates to accomplishing watershed goals and objectives is addressed several times in the plan, particularly sections 6.2.6 and 6.2.7 of Chapter 6. SMC cannot "speak for" all of the agencies listed, but does have working relationships with most if not all of those included in the comment, including recently or currently working on projects that help to accomplish watershed goals and objectives.
3	I recommend including in the plan (perhaps in the executive summary) a table or summary of the primary author(s) of the plan and the stakeholders who contributed to the plan preparation, including government, business and volunteer participants and organizations. As a member of a volunteer watershed organization, we have found it quite helpful to know who was involved in other watershed plans so we can make connections and learn from others who have participated in plan development. Our volunteer group is looking forward to participating in the development of the updated Manitou Creek Watershed-Based Plan, and knowing who has worked on other recently-completed plans (such as the Lake Michigan watershed plan) allows us to learn and collaborate in the future.	Grant Benjamin, on behalf of the Manitou Creek Watershed Alliance	4/6/2023	<i>Not Provided</i>	Mike Prusila	The list of watershed stakeholders involved in the planning process has been included in an acknowledgment section prefacing the plan report.