



Lake County Central Permit Facility 500 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois 60048

June 22, 2011

Mr. Warren Ribley, Director
Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
James R. Thompson Center
100 W. Randolph
Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Mr. Ribley:

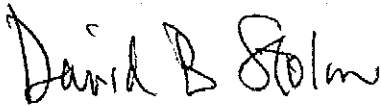
This letter indicates the support of the County of Lake (County) and the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC) for the application to the "Ike" Planning Program submitted by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP). This application requests that a portion of the "Ike" Planning Program funds be allocated to CMAP to distribute through competitive grants to local governments within the Chicago metropolitan area for planning that is comprehensive in nature, assists communities to recover from past disasters, and avoids future disasters.

CMAP's application is consistent with GO TO 2040, the long-range regional comprehensive plan, which recommends that CMAP coordinate local grant programs that include sources from many federal and state agencies, including DCEO. Favorable consideration of CMAP's application will help to advance the implementation of GO TO 2040, which is a priority for the region.

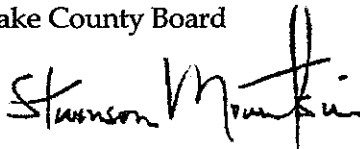
The County and SMC engage in emergency response, weather monitoring and flood warning activities; and undertake hazard mitigation planning and projects county-wide. Flood damage has been the greatest hazard to-date. While SMC has identified 365 flood problem areas county-wide and has been trying to address the worst hazard areas with removal of repetitively flooded homes and other flood mitigation activities such as local drainage improvements, only a small percentage of the total flood problem areas in the county have been addressed to-date. The solutions to these flooding problems are best addressed at the multi-jurisdictional watershed level since stormwater runoff that causes flood damage disasters is generated from an entire watershed. The County and SMC are interested in using funds allocated through this DCEO grant requested by CMAP for comprehensive inter-jurisdictional watershed-level planning to improve disaster response, hazard mitigation and prevention of future disasters in Lake County.

Please contact Eric Waggoner, Director of Planning, Building and Development (847-377-2131) or Michael Warner, Director Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (847-377-7716) with any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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David Stolman, Chair
Lake County Board

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Stevenson Mountsier, Chair
Lake County Stormwater Management Commission

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Eric Waggoner, Lake County Planning, Building and Development
Michael Warner, SMC