



# Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

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Michael Prusila  
Planning Supervisor  
Lake County Stormwater Management Commission  
500 West Winchester Road  
Libertyville, IL 60048

Re: Watershed-based Plan Review  
North Branch Chicago River Watershed-Based Plan

Dear Mr. Prusila: *Mike!*

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) has reviewed the *North Branch Chicago River Watershed-Based Plan* for consistency with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) watershed-based plan guidance found in Appendix C of the Nonpoint Source Program and Grants Guidelines for States and Territories dated April 12, 2013.

Accomplishing the goals of the Illinois' Nonpoint Source Management Program will rely on the success of stakeholder driven, well-developed watershed-based plans. The Illinois EPA is committed to ensuring that Section 319(h)-funded restoration and protection projects are guided by approved watershed-based plans that adequately addresses EPA's required minimum elements for watershed-based plan development.

The Illinois EPA recommends that watershed-based plans be reviewed ten years after the plan's development to assess if any revisions should be considered. Illinois EPA's Section 319(h) funding resources may be available to update these plans if revisions are needed.

After reviewing the submitted *North Branch Chicago River Watershed-Based Plan*, Illinois EPA has determined that it contains EPA's required minimum elements for a watershed-based plan and is formally accepted as submitted.

Congratulations, we look forward to working with *North Branch Chicago River Watershed-Based Plan* stakeholders during the implementation of your watershed-based plan. If you should have any questions relating to this review, feel free to contact Jeff Edstrom at (217) 782-3362.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris", with a stylized, cursive script.

Christine Davis  
Manager, Watershed Management Section  
Bureau of Water

Watershed-Based Plan Review CD:JE

cc: Janette Marsh, USEPA Region 5 (WQW-16J)