

To: Planning, Building and Zoning Committee

Finance and Administration Committee

From: Mike Warner and Patty Werner SMC

Date: September 13, 2013

Subject: Emergency Appropriation for the Countywide Watershed BMP

Implementation Program IL EPA Grant Award

Action: Emergency Appropriation Approval

Attached is a resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation to the SMC budget in the amount of \$808,415 to be reimbursed by an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IL EPA) Clean Water Act Section 319 Nonpoint Source Pollution Reduction Program grant for project expenses.

The SMC has entered into an agreement with the IL EPA to provide cost-share funding for stream daylighting and restoration/stabilization projects in the North Branch Chicago and Des Plaines River Watersheds. These projects will utilize best management practices to reduce erosion and improve water quality.

SMC will work with the Village of Buffalo Grove, Vernon Township, and the East Skokie Drainage District to implement these projects.

SMC staff will provide grant management and technical assistance to local partners to implement nonpoint source pollution components of approved watershed-based plans in Lake County. The grant will reimburse SMC staff costs.