



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Stormwater Management Commission
FROM: Kelcey Traynoff, Regulatory Supervisor
DATE: January 14, 2026
SUBJECT: Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Appointments

ACTION REQUESTED: RATIFICATION

Per our TAC bylaws, the SMC Chairman must approve member and alternate appointments with ratification from the Commission. Chairman Schmit has given his approval to appoint, as primary member, Mr. Alec Turkowski with the City of Highland Park.

TAC makeup is spread between the Environmental, County, Municipal, and Development sectors. The TAC representation chart is included.

Mr. Turkowski has been with the City of Highland Park since 2024, and his current title and position responsibilities are below.

Civil Engineer, City of Highland Park- Highland Park, IL May 2024- Present

- Plan, design, and manage municipal infrastructure projects including streets, storm water systems, and water/sewer networks.
- Ensure compliance with City codes and environmental regulations.
- Review private development plans and specifications: ensure compliance with city codes, drainage, grading flood-plain, and ravine/bluff regulations.
- Manage projects from bid to completion, including contract administration, inspections, and as-built documentation.
- Assist in traffic and transportation projects, including roadway improvements, signage, and pedestrian safety.
- Engage with residents, city council, and advisory committees to present project plans, address concerns, and ensure transparent communication.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kelcey Traynoff at 847- 377-7711 or ktraynoff@lakecountyil.gov.

TAC Membership Representation

Member Name/Alternate Name	Member Term Date	Position/Company	County	Development	Environmental	Municipal
Kevin Kleinjan//Pati Vitt	2028	Lake County Forest Preserve District			X	
Dan Smith/Julian Rozwadowski/Ben Russo	2028	Lake County Division of Transportation	X			
Dan Strahan/Mei Zhu/ Mike Warner	2028	Gewalt Hamilton				X
Kathy Chernich/Aaron Spencer	2028	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Regulatory Branch			X	
Eric Steffen/Joel Krause/Andrew Heuser	2028	Lake County Planning, Building and Development Department	X			
Darren Olson/Kay Whitlock	2028	Christopher B. Burke Engineering		X		
Alec Turkowski	2028	City of Highland Park				X
Jodi McCarthy/Pete Manhard/Bill Hupperich	2028	Atwell, LLC		X		
Pat Bleck/Joy Corona	2028	Bleck Engineering/GRAEF Engineering				X
Nicholas Leach/Heather Galan/Dave Ziegler	2028	Village of Gurnee				X
Dave Kraft/Vince Mosca	2028	Hey and Associates		X		
Peter Riggs/Kurt Baumann	2028	Village of Grayslake/Baxter & Woodman				X
Joe Hmieleski/Dan Krill	2028	JHWetco.com, Inc./DK Environmental Services			X	
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