

2026 STORMWATER AWARDS



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

The Stormwater Awards Program recognizes outstanding efforts by organizations, communities, groups, and individuals for projects and other proactive and innovative efforts to improve water quality, reduce flood damage, help restore natural drainage system, and protect natural resources.

Award Categories

- ***Community of the Year*** – A Community who has participated in and/or led an effort to improve the watershed or components thereof.
- ***Best Management Practice (BMP) and Development of the Year*** - Given for project or development that is designed and implemented with effective Best Management Practices to meet multi-objective benefits.
- ***Education, Outreach and Media of the Year***– Individual reporter, newspaper, magazine, website, or other medium that has devoted articles or a series of articles on topics related to stormwater and floodplain management.
- ***Stewardship of the Year*** – Volunteer individual or group who has shown exemplary leadership and service to improve a watershed via an innovative project or another proactive activity that changes how we approach watershed issues.
- ***Richard A. Welton Stormwater Manager of the Year*** – A professional stormwater practitioner, professional group/individual, local/state/federal agency/individual that has positively impacted one or more of Lake County's watersheds.

Nomination Deadline
October 20, 2026

Stormwater Awards Nomination Form

Nominator Information

Name:
Title/Organization:
E-mail:
Phone Number:

Nominee Information

Name:
Title/Organization:
E-mail:
Phone Number:

Category being nominated for:

Community of the Year
Best Management of the Year
Development of the Year
Stewardship of the Year
Education, Outreach and Media of the Year
Richard A. Welton Stormwater Manager of the Year

Nomination Requirement:

Summary of Contributions of the Person, Project, Organization or Development being submitted.

Photos are highly encouraged, will not be returned, and may be used for SMC newsletters, websites and other publications with credit to the photographer(s).

Send nominations to:

stormwater@lakecountyil.gov

SUBJ: SMC Award Nomination 2026

OR Stormwater Management Commission
500 W. Winchester Road Suite 201
Libertyville, IL 60048

Awards presentation will take place during the SMC Board of Commissioners meeting on December 3, 2026, at the Central Permit Facility, Libertyville. Both nominators and winners will be notified before the event, and the public is warmly invited to attend.

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Note: There are no eligibility restrictions regarding who may submit a nomination. However, all nominations are subject to the final approval of the selection committee. Please note that awards will only be given out in categories where sufficient nominations are received, and the committee is not required to issue an award in every category. For inquiries, please contact Christine Sher at csher2@lakecountyil.gov.