

Lake County Illinois

*Central Permit Facility
500 W. Winchester Rd
Libertyville, Illinois 60048-1331*



Agenda Report - Final

Thursday, November 6, 2025

6:00 PM

500 W. Winchester Rd - Libertyville, Illinois

Lake County Stormwater Management Commission

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: There are two options for the public to attend the meeting: (1) in-person attendance at on the 2nd floor Central Permit Facility building 500 W. Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois, or (2) remote / virtual attendance through the link:

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RECORDING: Meetings, including Public Comment, will be recorded.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The public will be afforded time to comment on matters related to the business of the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission. A total of 30 minutes will be permitted for Public Comment and no more than three minutes per Comment. In general, Public Comment on items not on the agenda will be presented near the beginning of the meeting. Public Comment on agenda items may be presented during consideration of that item.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[25-1457](#)

Approval of October 9, 2025 meeting minutes

Attachments: [SMC October 9, 2025 meeting minutes draft](#)

6. COMMISSION REPORTS
- 6.1 Director's Report
- 6.2 Chairman's Report
- 6.3 Commissioner's Report

7. ACTION ITEMS

- 7.1 [25-1458](#)

Approval of September and October 2025 Treasurer's Report

Attachments: [DRWW September 2025 Treasurer's Report](#)
[NBWW September 2025 Treasurer's Report](#)
[RSMP October 2025 Treasurer's Report](#)
[SMC October 2025 Treasurer's Report](#)
[DRWW October 2025 Treasurer's Report](#)
[NBWW October 2025 Treasurer's Report](#)

- 7.2 [25-1459](#)

Approval of 2026 Stormwater Management Commission meeting schedule

Attachments: [2026 SMC Meeting Schedule](#)

- 7.3 [25-1460](#)

Approval of 2026 Technical Advisory Committee meeting schedule

Attachments: [2026 TAC Meeting Schedule](#)

7.4 [25-1461](#)

Approval of 2026 Municipal Advisory Committee meeting schedule

Attachments: [2026 MAC Meeting Schedule](#)

7.5 [25-1463](#)

Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the SMC and the Village of Lake Zurich for the North Branch Buffalo Creek Improvements at Bristol Trails Park with a Project Expense Match (PEM) value of \$49,548.90, subject to final legal review.

- Funding for the intergovernmental agreement is included in Grant Agreement No. 24-413046 between Lake County and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) that was executed December 15, 2024.
- This project was authorized by SMC for inclusion in DCEO-STOCIP Regional Stormwater Infrastructure Project Round 2 on September 5, 2024.
- The intergovernmental agreement will provide funding, on a reimbursement basis, to the Village of Lake Zurich in an amount not-to-exceed \$374,349.48 for the North Branch Buffalo Creek Improvements at Bristol Trails Park.
- The Village of Lake Zurich will pay a Project Expense Match to SMC of \$49,548.90 for administrative and engineering expenses related to the project.

Attachments: [DCEO SMC Lake Zurich IGA Buffalo Creek Bristol Trl Park](#)
[Lake Zurich Bristol Trails Location Map](#)

7.6 [25-1464](#)

Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the SMC and the Village of Round Lake Beach for the Round Lake Drain Master Plan Phase 1 Project with a Project Expense Match (PEM) value of \$48,356.17, subject to final legal review.

- Funding for the intergovernmental agreement is included in Grant Agreement No. 24-413046 between Lake County and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) that was executed December 15, 2024.
- This project was authorized by SMC for inclusion in DCEO-STOCIP Regional Stormwater Infrastructure Project Round 2 on September 5, 2024.
- The intergovernmental agreement will provide funding, on a reimbursement basis, in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,825,450.00 for the Round Lake Drain Master Plan Phase 1 Project. SMC will oversee bidding and project construction.
- The Village of Round Lake Beach will pay a Project Expense Match to SMC of \$48,356.17 for administrative and engineering expenses related to the project.

Attachments: [DCEO SMC Lake Beach IGA Round Lake Drain Ph 1](#)
[Round Lake Drain Ph1 Location Map](#)

7.7 [25-1465](#)

Approval of contract service request with Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc. Vernon Hills, Illinois for engineering and design services for the Lake Zurich and Echo Lake Regional Study and Flood Mitigation Project in Lake Zurich and Ela Township, Illinois in the amount of \$175,000.00.

- SMC staff needs additional consultant support to complete work program tasks.
- The SMC approved a general engineer services contract amendment #1 on January 9, 2025, for a not to exceed contract value of \$324,000.00. To date \$275,000.00 of this contract has not been encumbered to a specific task.
- The project identified has been modified since January 2025 Commission approval.
- This project is a multi-jurisdictional project with incorporated and unincorporated areas of Lake County in and around Lake Zurich.
- Project is included in the attached Lake County Administrator's Office 2025 Capital Priorities project list.
- Recommend funding from FY2025 212-4201010-71150 Consultant Budget.
- SMC staff recommends approval of this project.

Attachments: [Lake Zurich and Echo Lake Regional Study and Flood Mitigation Project](#)
[Lake County 2025 Capital Priorities Booklet](#)
[Echo Lake Project Location Map](#)

7.8 [25-1466](#)

Presentation of Indian Creek Stream Assessment and Community Outreach.

- The Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC) hosted a community outreach meeting at the Vernon Township Community Building to discuss local perspectives on the current condition of Indian Creek and potential opportunities for drainage improvements.
- Pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/5-1104.4, SMC issued a written 30-day notice of planned stream assessment work to all property owners along Indian Creek between Buffalo Grove Road and Port Clinton Road.
- Staff will present the findings of the stream assessment conducted between October 1, 2025 and October 17, 2025 along with an example of an Indian Creek restoration project that was implemented upstream of Buffalo Grove Road.

Attachments: [Indian Creek Community Meeting Mailing](#)
[Indian Creek 30 Day Notice Stream Assessment Mailing](#)
[Indian Creek Location Map](#)

7.9 [25-1467](#)

Presentation by staff on properties owned or managed by Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC).

- There are 49 parcels of property throughout the county managed by the SMC; 30 are owned by SMC and 19 are owned by Lake County.
- The majority (44) of property was acquired through the voluntary floodplain property buyout program with grant funding and 5 were acquired for flood mitigation projects.
- None of the properties have structures and the land is maintained as open space.
- SMC temporarily holds these properties until they can be transferred to local government entities for long-term ownership and maintenance.
- SMC has identified 10 of the properties to be transferred to local government entities in 2025.

Attachments: [SMC-County Owned Properties 10-31-25](#)

8. **INFORMATION SECTION**

8.1 **Regulatory Reports**

8.1 [25-1369](#)

Regulatory Reports October 2025

Attachments: [October 2025 Regulatory Reports](#)
[Wetland Restoration Fund Budget-Updated 10-27-25](#)

8.2 **Correspondence**

8.2.a [25-1478](#)

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Acceptance of Lake Michigan and North Branch Chicago River Watershed Plans

Attachments: [Lake Michigan Plan IL EPA Acceptance Letter](#)
[North Branch Plan IL EPA Acceptance Letter](#)

8.3 **Community Relations/Public Info**

8.3.a [25-1470](#)

Daily Herald - Fox River floating garden proposal

Attachments: [Daily Herald eEdition - Floating Garden](#)

9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

9.1 **Executive Session to review the executive session minutes and semi-annual review of closed session minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21)**

- 10. REGULAR SESSION (for action on Executive Session items)**
 - 10.1 Commission action approving the Executive Session minutes from May 1, 2025**
 - 10.2 Commission action approving the Executive Session minutes from October 9, 2025**
 - 10.3 Approval of Executive Session minutes determined to be released/opened to the public**
- 11. ADJOURNMENT**