

# **MEMORANDUM**

May 29, 2024

To: Stormwater Management Commission

From: Kelcey Traynoff, Regulatory Supervisor

Brian Frank, Chief Engineer

Re: Recommendation for WDO Community Recertification

## **ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of Community Certification Status**

Based on SMC staff review of Lake County Watershed Development Ordinance (WDO) enforcement and performance, we recommend Community Recertification, with no conditions, for the following communities:

- Village of Barrington Hills (Standard)
- Village of Buffalo Grove (Standard)
- Hawthorn Woods (Standard and Isolated Wetland)
- Village of Island Lake (Standard and Isolated Wetland)
- Village of Lake Bluff (Standard)
- Village of North Barrington (Standard and Isolated Wetland)
- North Chicago (Standard)

These communities have adopted the WDO and have submitted the required documentation for recertification. They also have appropriate staffing and are implementing community ordinances compliant with the WDO.

Please see the attached petitions for the listed communities.

SMC has also received requests from the following municipalities to continue as non-certified communities:

- Village of Lakemoor (working towards certification)
- Park City

SMC staff are currently coordinating with the remaining communities to finalize their recertification submittals. We anticipate bringing additional recommendations for recertification to future SMC meetings for your consideration.

Please feel free to contact Brian Frank at (847) 377-7704 or Kelcey Traynoff at (847) 377-7711 if you have any questions.

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On this	20th	_ <sub>day of_</sub> September_	,2023	the	Village
			(Year)		(City, Village, County)
of North	Barrin	gton	a community p	articipa	ting in the regular phase of the
National F	lood Insu	rance Program, adopted an	amended ordin	ance ("C	ORDINANCE") which includes
the provis	ions of the	e Lake County Watershed D	Development O	rdinance	e amended October 13, 2020
("WDO")	and is on	file with the Lake County S	Stormwater Ma	nageme	nt Commission ("SMC").
According	to the pro	ovisions of the ORDINANC	CE and WDO v	ve agree	e to:

- 1. Forward appropriate portions of the Regulatory Floodway Development applications to SMC for transmittal to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources/Office of Water Resources ("IDNR/OWR") or its designee for concurrent review and approval.
- 2. Maintain records and provide SMC with certain portions of these records as described below:
  - a. Maintain records of every Watershed Development Permit application, permit variance, hydrologic and hydraulic data, and enforcement action, and shall allow periodic inspections of the records by SMC, FEMA, or IDNR/OWR personnel.
  - b. Maintain an Elevation Certificate and flood-proofing certificate file to certify the elevation of the lowest floor (including basement) of a residential or non-residential building or the elevation to which a non-residential building has been flood-proofed, for all buildings constructed in the Regulatory Floodplain.
  - c. Maintain for public inspection and provide copies upon request of; base flood data and maps, variance documentation, Conditional Letters of Map Revision, Letters of Map Revision, Letters of Map Amendment, elevation and floodproofing certificates, other watershed development permit related materials, available "as-built" elevation and floodproofing records for all buildings constructed subject to the provisions of this ordinance.
- 3. Require all engineering information and plans prepared by a registered professional engineer, to be reviewed under the supervision of a registered professional engineer under the employ or contract of the community for conformance with the ORDINANCE prior to permit issuance.
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(Community Chief Elected Official)	(Clerk)
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(Community Chief Elected Official)

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