



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Lake County Stormwater Management Commission  
**DATE:** November 27, 2021  
**FROM:** Kurt Woolford, Executive Director  
**RE:** DCEO-STOCIP Regional Stormwater Infrastructure Project – Eligibility Authorization  
ESDD Skokie River Channel Improvements Phase 2

**ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF DCEO-STOCIP ELIGIBILITY AUTHORIZATION**

SMC staff request the Eligibility Authorization approval for the Skokie River Channel Improvements Phase 2 project. Project eligibility, match, and readiness have been confirmed by staff and the East Skokie Drainage District is authorized to execute an IGA with SMC. Funding for the completed Phase 1 component of this project was administered through SMC's Countywide IEPA 319 grant program. The East Skokie Drainage District (ESDD) submitted their Phase 2 project component through SMC's DCEO-STOCIP Request for Project Proposals (RFP).

SMC's DCEO-STOCIP RFP was issued on October 13, 2020, with a submittal deadline due on January 8, 2021.

Important Program Dates and Deadlines	
Date	Significance
December 4, 2020	Last day to contact SMC staff to schedule pre-submittal meeting
December 18, 2020	Last day to participate in pre-submittal meeting with SMC staff
January 8, 2021	Deadline for submitting project proposals to SMC via the SMC Online Project Portal
January 11-March 4, 2021	SMC completes review of project proposals, obtains additional information from applicants, and selects projects to be included in funding request
March 2021	SMC Board approves final project list for funding application to DCEO
March 2021	SMC staff initiates DCEO project funding request process
TBD – Based on DCEO-STOCIP Pre-Award Process Timeline	Project sponsors execute agreements for projects receiving funding from DCEO; cost-share funding becomes available

At the March 4<sup>th</sup> SMC meeting, a 6-month extension for staff to review project proposals was approved. On September 23, 2021, staff were initially notified by DCEO confirming a significantly higher than anticipated funding release of \$30M. Per conversations with DCEO and the SMC Chairman, additional projects were selected based on prioritizing flood storage and project readiness for construction in 2022. The \$2,343,660 Skokie River Channel Improvements Phase 2 construction project was included in SMC's November 21, 2021 initial 14-project application submittal to DCEO. The East Skokie Drainage District agrees to pay SMC a project expense match of \$301,805 by November 30, 2022.