



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  
Talbot Avenue Drainage Improvements

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

SMC staff request the Eligibility Authorization approval for SMC's Talbot Avenue Drainage Improvements project. Project eligibility, match, and readiness have been confirmed by staff and Shields Township is authorized to execute an IGA with SMC. The project proposal was submitted through SMC's FY21 Watershed Management Board (WMB) grant program and 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 \$289,500 Talbot Avenue Drainage Improvements construction project was included in SMC's November 21, 2021, initial 14-project application submittal to DCEO. SMC staff will be requesting the project expense match of \$32,887 be paid through the allocated FY22 WMB fund for the North Branch Chicago River Watershed.