

July 5, 2022

TO: Lake County Stormwater Management Commission

FR: Kurt Woolford, Executive Director

Sharon Østerby, Water Resource Professional

RE: SMC Buyout & Flood Mitigation Project Property Access

NO ACTION REQUESTED: FOR INFORMATION ONLY-Property Access Permission for SMC Managed

**Property** 

**August 1, 2022 Update:** SMC staff is coordinating with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the State's Attorney Office for further clarification on this matter.

SMC Staff has successfully administered Federal and State funded Flood Mitigation Projects over the past 20+ years. Each of these grant-funded projects, an Intergovernmental Agreement was presented to the Commission for approval and authorization was given to SMC staff to administer the projects. As part of administering these projects, and under the direction of the SMC Executive Director, permission was given to project partners and others to access these properties in order to carry out certain tasks such as mowing and maintaining the property in accordance with FEMA's requirements for open space use, reclaiming building materials/goods (Habitat for Humanity), training exercises (Police & Fire), or other similar requests.

SMC staff previously presented this item for the Commission's approval to allow SMC staff, under the director of the SMC Executive Director, to give permission to project partners and others, as necessary, to complete tasks in support of SMC projects. SMC staff are currently working with our project partners and funding agencies to get clarification on this matter.

If you should have any questions regarding this project, please feel free to contact Sharon Østerby at 847-377-7706 or Kurt Woolford at 847-377-7720.