



April 10, 2023

Mr. Kurt Woolford, P.E., Executive Director  
Lake County Stormwater Management Commission  
500 West Winchester Road, Suite 201  
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Dear Mr. Woolford:

Illinois NRCS is pleased to announce the receipt of national funding to develop an Upper Des Plaines River Watershed Plan/Environmental Assessment (Plan/EA). The development of this document (from receipt of funding to final document) will take approximately 2 years. NRCS will begin by hiring a private architecture and engineering (A&E) firm to develop the Plan/EA. We will do our best to keep you informed of the contracting and hiring progress as it occurs. Early in the performance period (estimated in September 2023), there will be a meeting between Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC), NRCS, and the A&E firm.

A key aspect of planning is identifying available information that can assist in analyzing feasible alternatives. SMC has a large amount of data which will be highly valued in this process. Anita Arends, a member of my staff, will be responsible for compiling available information. Anita may periodically contact the SMC with questions. If there is a specific staff member that would be beneficial to include in this process, please let us know.

IL NRCS is excited to start the process of developing a Plan/EA for the Upper Des Plaines River Watershed. As contracting milestones are completed, Anita will provide you with updates. If you have any questions regarding the process or timeline, please feel free to contact Anita or me for more information.

Sincerely,

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