



SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
KRYSTI KOVARIK

FOR HER SERVICE TO THE LAKE COUNTY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Krysti Kovarik has served as the Gurnee Mayor for 16 years. Prior to becoming mayor, she served on the plan commission for two years and was a village trustee for six years; and

WHEREAS, Krysti was first elected to the Stormwater Management Commission (SMC) on September 1, 2005, and served as Treasurer or Vice-Chair during her entire SMC tenure; and

WHEREAS, she is active on many committees and service organizations including: Board of Healthy Community-Healthy Youth, Lake County Affordable Housing Commission, the Central Lake County Water Agency, Meals on Wheels volunteer, and is an Exchange Club member; and

WHEREAS, Krysti's interest in SMC rivaled that of Dick Welton, where she was committed to making stormwater a priority in Lake County; and

WHEREAS, under her leadership Gurnee became the municipal leader in Lake County for flood mitigation along the Des Plaines River. The Village's active and consistent programs for flooded property buyouts has transformed the floodplain from a damage zone to an open space community asset. In her words, during major rainstorms the situation changed from a flood disaster to merely a flood event, saving millions of dollars of property damages to residents and businesses and expenses the Village previously used for flood response; and

WHEREAS, during the record flood of 2017, the Village was recognized as a leader in flood recovery efforts and Village residents benefitted from the swift and efficient actions from the entire Village staff, including Mayor Kovarik; and

WHEREAS, she's made a tremendous impact on not only the residents of Gurnee, but also throughout Lake County, and she will be missed at SMC meetings; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RECOGNIZED, that this Stormwater Management Commission of Lake County, Illinois, offers its sincere gratitude and appreciation to Krysti Kovarik for her dedication to public service; and

BE IT FURTHER RECOGNIZED, that the Stormwater Management Commission does hereby extend its best wishes to Krysti on all her future endeavors.



DATED AT LIBERTYVILLE, ILLINOIS ON APRIL 1, 2021.

Donny Schmit, Chair
Stormwater Management Commission