



# Lake County Illinois

## Legislation Text

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Joint resolution authorizing an agreement with the North Branch Chicago River Watershed Workgroup (NBWW) and administrative fund creation.

- The NBWW's mission is to bring together a diverse coalition of stakeholders to improve water quality in the North Branch Chicago River in a cost-effective manner to meet Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) requirements.
- NBWW members include National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit holders and consists of municipalities, townships, drainage districts, publicly owned wastewater treatment works, Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC), the County, corporate community and non-profit organizations.
- The NBWW plans to monitor and collect water quality data in the river to assist in formulating and prioritizing water quality improvement projects, and subsequently to seek grant funding to assist in the group's efforts.
- The NBWW will be governed by bylaws that forms and governs the structure of the NBWW, with an elected executive board, and a voting, dues paying membership.
- The NBWW proposes to utilize the SMC as its administrative agent for entering into contracts, making payments, receiving dues or grants or other revenue, and for providing the financial accounting and reports required by the Agreement.
- This resolution authorizes and directs the Chair of the County Board and the Clerk of the County to execute the NBWW Agreement and administrative fund creation.

### RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lake (County) owns approximately 150 acres of right-of-way and has responsibility for over seven miles of storm sewers and 2900 acres of unincorporated area tributary to the North Branch Chicago River watershed; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Branch Chicago River is on the state's list of impaired waterways; and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) has allowed a regulatory based option that the County, North Shore Water Reclamation District, and other units of local government form a group (Parties) to improve the water quality of the North Branch Chicago River; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties have determined, pursuant to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, it would be beneficial and cost effective to enter into a cooperative agreement (Agreement) by forming the North Branch Chicago River Watershed Workgroup (NBWW); and

**WHEREAS**, the NBWW would provide for the collection of data that would assist in identifying issues that impact water quality within the watershed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement establishes terms and conditions to guide the NBWW, such as bylaws, funding, cost sharing and effective date and renewal; and

**WHEREAS**, the NBWW shall utilize the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission as its administrative agent for entering into contracts, make payments, as directed by the Executive Board, receiving dues or other grants or revenue, and for providing the financial accounting and reports required by this Agreement.

**WHEREAS**, execution of this Agreement must be authorized by Resolution of the County Board.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that the Chair of the County Board and the Clerk of said County are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached North Branch Chicago River Watershed Workgroup Agreement, in the form substantially contained therein.

**DATED** at Waukegan, Lake County, Illinois, on this 10th day of April, A.D., 2018.