



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM

August 7, 2015

To: Des Plaines River Watershed Workgroup (DRWW)

From: Mike Warner (SMC)

RE: DRWW Status Updates

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- A. Membership agreements and invoices were sent out to all potential members following the last DRWW full membership meeting. As of August 7th, there are 11 signed agreements received; 12 Agency members and 3 Associate Members that have paid their dues in full.
 - B. The DRWW Monitoring Committee has been busy with four meetings held since the last full membership meeting, with a successful RFP and selection for water chemistry monitoring being completed.
 - C. Per B. above, the DRWW is kicking off a comprehensive water quality monitoring program for water quality assessment watershed-wide. The contract for chemistry monitoring has been awarded to Suburban Laboratories and is scheduled to start in August 2015. The monitoring work will be used as match for the grant in D. below and the monitoring results will inform the development of recommended programs and projects in the watershed action plan to reduce non-point source pollution.
 - D. A grant award of \$658,162 from the IL EPA Clean Water Section 319 Nonpoint Source Pollution Reduction Program has been inked that addresses one of the original goals in the DRWW bylaws - Completing a watershed plan for the entire Des Plaines Watershed in Lake County. The watershed plan will address non-point source pollution and is required in order to be eligible for future Section 319 grants. SMC will administer the grant; develop the watershed plan in conjunction with the DRWW efforts. Interns are being hired to start on stream inventories this fall.
 - E. A 2015 DRWW budget (attached) has been approved with a 5 year projection of expenditures. Accounting has been set up based on projected spending.
 - F. An enhanced water quality monitoring strategy and Quality Assurance Project Plan for Biologic and Sediment Sampling has been sent to IEPA for approval of that portion of the monitoring program.