

Des Plaines River Watershed Planning & Project Implementation

Lake Co. Stormwater Management Commission

DRWW General Membership Meeting February 11, 2016



Projects & Planning

SMC awarded an IL EPA Section 319 grant with 3 elements:

- 1. Implement 3 water quality BMP projects
- 2. Pilot 2 Small Watershed Assessment and Action Plans (SWAAPs)
- 3. Develop umbrella watershed-based plan for Des Plaines watershed in Lake County



Water Quality BMP Projects

- Mundelein Park District: Bull Creek and Community Park pond restoration - Bull Creek-Brook Watershed
- College of Lake County: parking lot bioswales -Mill Creek Watershed
- Lake County Forest Preserves Agricultural BMPs in 4 farm fields - North Mill Creek-Dutch Gap Canal Watershed



SWAAP Pilot

- SMC will select 2 study areas and begin assessment and project planning in spring 2016
- Strategic planning will target lakesheds or smaller drainage areas (ideally < 5 sq. mi.)
- Outcome will be detailed field assessments & conceptual plans and budgets for in-the-ground BMP projects
- SMC will soon solicit stakeholder interest (Mike Novotney is project manager)



Update existing plans:

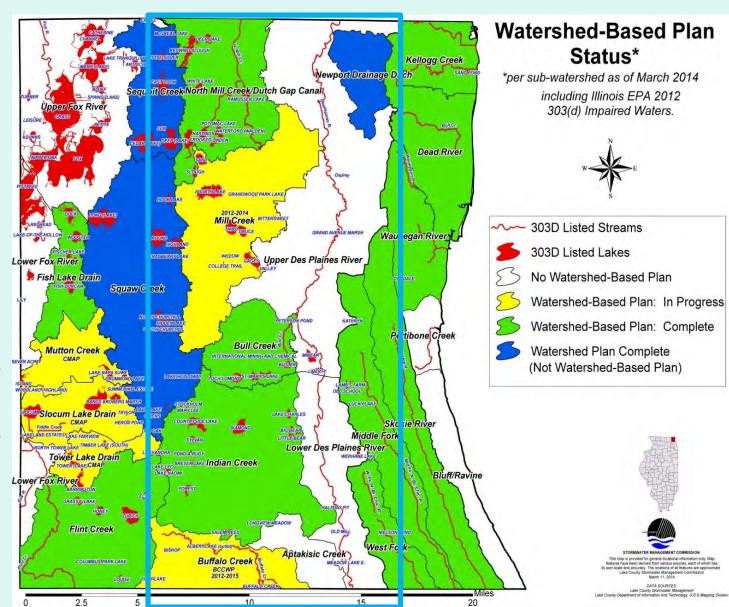
- 1. North Mill Creek
- 2.Mill Creek
- 3.Bull Creek/Brook
- 4.Indian Creek
- 5.Buffalo Creek

Complete plans

for:

- 6. Upper Des Plaines
- 7. Newport Ditch
- 8.Lower Des Plaines
- 9. Aptakisic Creek

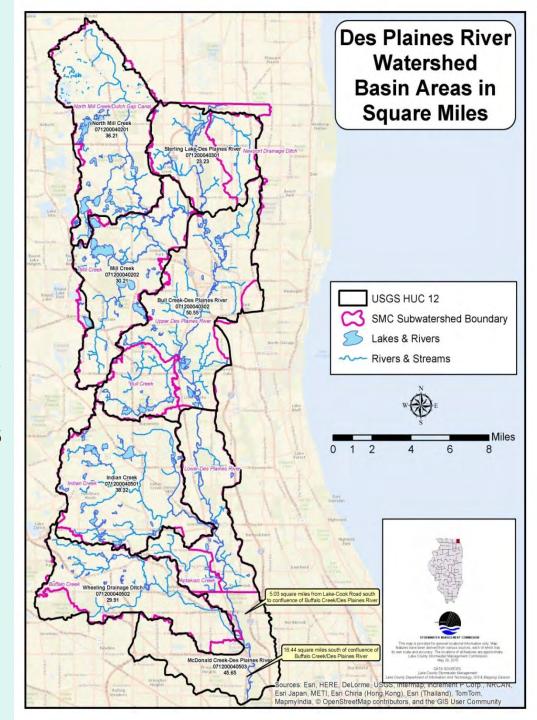
Umbrella Watershed Plan





Watershed Plan

- Planning area
- Planning period: 2016-2018
- Will meet US EPA Watershed-Based Plan requirements





Major Plan Elements

- Watershed Issues, Opportunities, Goals and Objectives, Vision
- Watershed Characterization
 - Compiling existing information about the watershed
 - Collecting new data (stream and detention basin inventories, lake assessments, water quality data, flood problem areas update)
- Watershed Problems Assessment
- Action Plan Recommendations
- Evaluating Plan Implementation Assess Performance/Success
- Education and Outreach Plan



Major Stakeholders

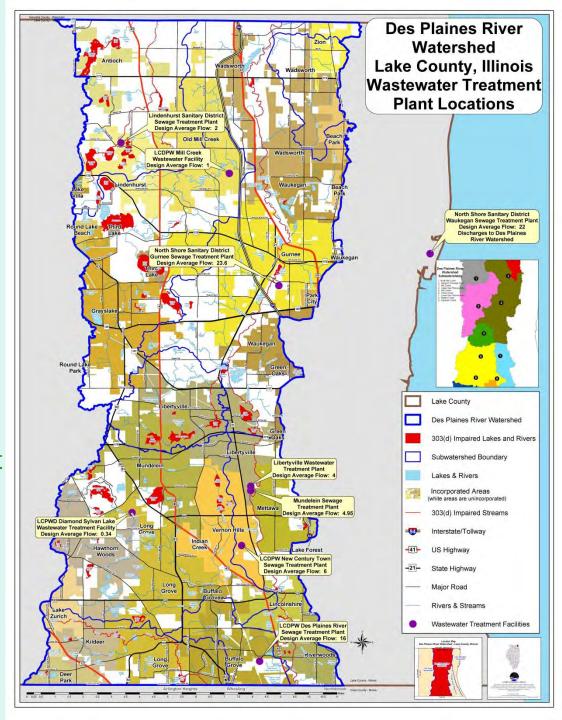
MS4s

- 33 municipalities
- 12 townships
- 2 drainage districts

POTWs

 8 public wastewater treatment plants that discharge 80 MGD

Forest Preserve District





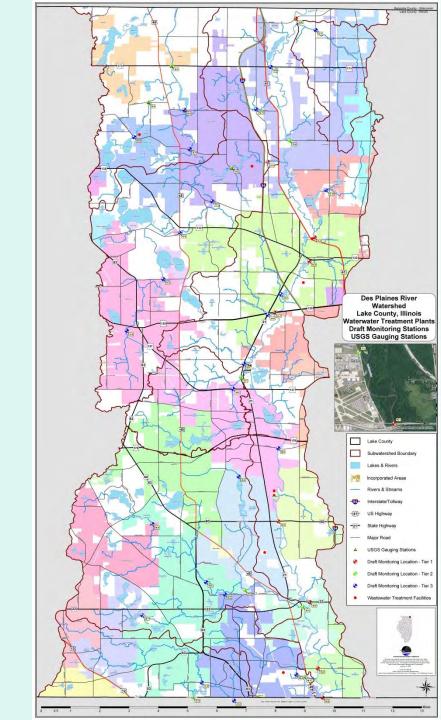
Planning Process & Status

- Stakeholder-guided plan 20 meetings planned over 2 years
 - 8 general meetings with full watershed group
 - 12 topic/group-targeted meetings
- Kick-off meetings scheduled for March 17, 2016
 - Mailed invitations to riparian landowners, flood problem area residents
 - Emailed invitations to communities and organizations in SMC database
- DRWW meeting in August 2016
 - Feature watershed plan & project update
- Data compilation and collection is underway
 - Includes DRWW monitoring data
 - Includes stream, lake shoreline, detention basin inventories



Watershed Plan & DRWW Monitoring

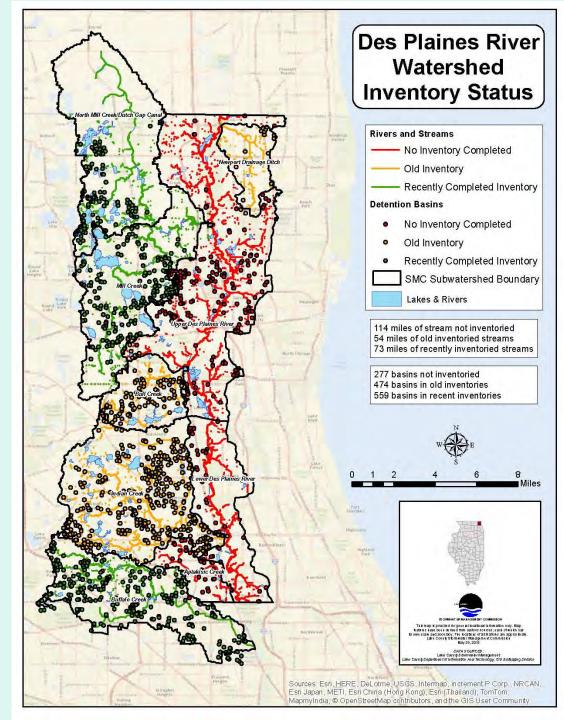
- DRWW monitoring efforts began in 2015
- Water & sediment chemistry, habitat, biological assessment
- Watershed plan surface water quality assessment based on DRWW monitoring data from 2015-2017

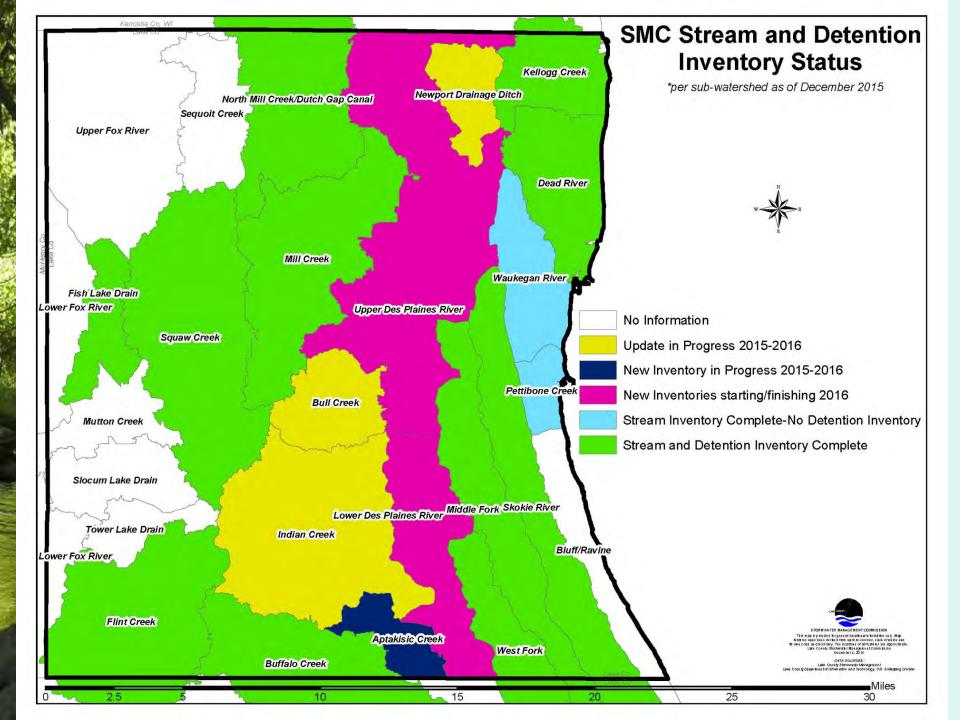




Inventories Underway

- Stream
- River
- Detention basins
- Lake shorelines
- Flood problem areas (online survey)







Mark Your Calendar to Attend a Kickoff Meeting on March 17th!

MEETING INVITATION - SEE HANDOUTS

QUESTIONS/MORE INFORMATION

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- Funding
 Prioirties
- FFY2017
- Des Plaines for Implementation

NPS Activities and Section 319 Funding Priorities - FFY 2017 Application Deadline - August 1, 2016

