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**Poplar Creek and Upper Salt Creek Watershed Planning Councils
AGENDA**

**Wednesday, April 10, 2024
10:30 a.m.**

Zoom Video Conference

Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83835848442>

Meeting ID: 838 3584 8442

Passcode: PCUSCWPC

- I. Call to Order**

- II. Roll Call**

- III. January 10, 2024 Meeting Transcript (Attachment A)**

- IV. Capital Improvements**
Jack Chan will provide an update.
Action Requested: Informational

- V. Watershed Management Ordinance**
Laurel Haynes

- VI. Video presentation (tentative)**
Kimberly Nowicki, Regional Planner
Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security

- VII. Other Business**

- VIII. Next Meeting**
The next meeting of the Poplar Creek and Upper Salt Creek Watershed Planning Councils will be held July 10 at 10:30 am via Zoom video conference.

- IX. Adjournment**

1 POPLAR CREEK AND UPPER SALT CREEK
2 WATERSHED PLANNING COUNCILS
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6 Held on Wednesday, January 10, 2024,
7 commencing at the hour of 10:30 o'clock, a.m., via
8 Zoom.
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10 PRESENT:

11 NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE:

Eric Czarnota

12 Mark Fowler

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14 METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT

Teresa Albano

15 Mark Castillo

Jennie Harrell

16 Fabio Monteiro

Stephanie Nash

17 Annie Wright
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20 ALSO PRESENT:

21 Michael Burke, Village of Deer Park

22 Matt Mann - Streamwood

23 Kimberly Nowicki - CC Dept of Emergency Management

24 John McNelis - CC Department of Transportation

1 MR. CZARNOTA: I'll call the meeting of the
2 Poplar Creek and Upper Salt Creek Planning Council
3 for Wednesday, January 10, 2024, and now will do a
4 roll call. When I call your name, if you could just
5 put your name and then your organization you
6 represent in the chat, as a lot of you have been
7 doing.

8 So the roll call for Poplar Creek
9 Watershed is: Barrington Hills, Bartlett, Elgin,
10 Hoffman Estates, Schaumburg, South Barrington,
11 Streamwood, Unincorporated Cook County, Barrington
12 Township, Hanover Township, Palatine Township and
13 Schaumburg Township.

14 For Upper Salt Creek Watershed we
15 have: Arlington Heights, Deer Park, Elk Grove
16 Village, Hoffman Estates, Inverness, Palatine,
17 Rolling Meadows, Schaumburg, Roselle, Unincorporated
18 Cook County, Elk Grove Township, Palatine Township,
19 Schaumburg Township and Wheeling Township.

20 With that, we will move to item 3,
21 which is the October 11, 2023 meeting transcript,
22 which is attached A. If you have any questions, my
23 e-mail is at the bottom, and feel free to reach out
24 with any issues with the transcript.

1 And now we'll move to item number 4,
2 we'll have the capital improvement update from Mark
3 Castillo.

4 MR. CASTILLO: Thanks, Eric.

5 My name is Mark Castillo, I'm a
6 Senior Civil Engineer with the Metropolitan Water
7 Reclamation District. I work in Stormwater
8 Management and will be going over a couple of topics
9 today, but mainly the capital improvements in this
10 watershed.

11 First up I actually want to bring to
12 everyone's attention that we recently updated our
13 website. So mwrdd.org has a new look and layout, and
14 we have a new stormwater management main page, so you
15 can visit us at mwrdd.org/stormwater. On this main
16 page, you'll see kind of links that go to each of the
17 different sections that our department kind of
18 handles. We have a projects page, that highlights
19 MWRDD construction projects and all partnership
20 program projects. We have a stormwater partnership
21 page, which I'll go over later on in this
22 presentation, but that highlights all four of our
23 partnership programs and recent updates, where we are
24 with the current cycle or current round of

1 applications, as well as giving you access to apply
2 to these programs. You can learn more about green
3 infrastructure or stream maintenance. We have web
4 pages there that showcase our work throughout the
5 county. We have a watershed planning council page
6 that has dates of upcoming meetings and contact
7 information for each of the councils of government.
8 And then finally, we -- or second to last, we have a
9 plans and reports page, that has the detailed plan or
10 watershed -- detailed watershed plans for each of the
11 county's major watersheds, as well as our annual
12 report and consent decree report. And finally, we
13 have a section that kind of is more geared towards
14 residents. We're calling it how you can help. That
15 is kind of where you can learn about stormwater in
16 general, and the things that local residents can do
17 to help alleviate stormwater, you know, in their
18 neighborhood.

19 Next up, we have FEMA grant
20 opportunities. So there's a couple of grants that
21 are currently available. The first is the FEMA Swift
22 Current. This is underneath the Flood Mitigation
23 Assistance Program that FEMA runs. Swift Current
24 provides flood mitigation funding for buildings with

1 both an NFIP insurance policy or National Flood
2 Insurance Program policy, and those buildings have a
3 history of repetitive or substantial damage from
4 flooding. So eligible projects that include
5 acquiring those properties, elevating those
6 properties and then doing other like remediation work
7 such as flood proofing of historical residential
8 structures, retrofits, mitigation, reconstruction and
9 structural retrofitting of those structures. There
10 is a 36-month period of performance, so you have 36
11 months to do the work, and the cost share that FEMA
12 engages with depends on the severity and
13 repetitiveness of the flooding, as well as the social
14 vulnerability score of the project area.

15 So if you want more information, you
16 can always look at the notice of funding opportunity,
17 and on the right-hand side here we have two
18 contact -- or the contact is Zachary Krug. He's the
19 State Hazard Mitigation Officer with IEMA. Below we
20 have the Swift Current website, which has the link to
21 the NFO, and applications for this grant will be
22 accepted until January 15th.

23 The next opportunity is the FEMA
24 Direct Technical Assistance Program. This provides

1 non-financial technical support to communities
2 seeking to begin climate resilience planning and
3 project solution design. It's intended for
4 communities that lack the capacity to do this type of
5 work by themselves. This program can help plan a
6 larger project, which can then be submitted to the
7 BRIC Program for funding in future years, and the
8 application will get additional points if they have a
9 DTA award or a direct technical assistance award.
10 For instance, a recent project I believe it's the
11 DePew wastewater treatment plant project recently
12 went through the DTA process and was awarded a BRIC
13 grant last year as part of this program.

14 The application is pretty easy.
15 It's a letter that has to be submitted directly to
16 FEMA requesting assistance. So I have the link here,
17 on the right. We'll make sure that Eric sends out
18 these links to everybody so that they can have it on
19 hand, but letters are accepted until February 29th.
20 And then you can visit the -- download the form on
21 FEMA's website here.

22 Up next, we have the capital
23 improvement updates for this watershed. So this is a
24 map of the ongoing and completed projects for the

1 Poplar Creek and Upper Salt Creek Watersheds. I
2 believe we have two ongoing flood -- ongoing
3 partnership -- partnership projects in this
4 watershed, as well as one ongoing flood-prone
5 property acquisition project. So we'll go over those
6 now.

7 First up, we have the Palatine
8 Township flood-prone property acquisition. This is
9 in Plum Grove Estates in Unincorporated Palatine
10 Township. It's the acquisition of one flood-prone
11 property. So the current status is that Palatine
12 Township is submitting documents to allow for
13 reimbursement this month. Cook County is sharing in
14 the process of acquiring the property and demoing it.

15 Next up, we have the Springinsguth
16 stream corridor improvements in Schaumburg and
17 Hanover Park. This project spans two municipalities
18 and will grade and stabilize almost 4,700 linear feet
19 of streambank, install new stormwater outlets and
20 restore the existing wetland buffer -- buffers,
21 woodlands and prairies to mitigate flooding in the
22 area. The project is approximately almost four
23 million dollars. Work is to be completed in early
24 spring 2024.

1 And then finally, we have the Plum
2 Grove Estates Subdivision Salt Creek mitigation
3 rehabilitation project located in Plum Grove Estates
4 in Unincorporated Palatine Township. This project
5 noted that there is overbank flooding along Salt
6 Creek causing flooding of property and streets
7 throughout the neighborhood. The MWRD is working
8 with the Palatine Township Road District to identify
9 right-of-way available within the project area for a
10 potential project.

11 So that's it for the capital
12 improvements in this watershed.

13 As a reminder, our stormwater
14 partnerships are available, so I just wanted to
15 update you where we are. So currently, we have two
16 programs that are still accepting applications. The
17 first is our Stormwater Partnership Program. This
18 provides funding to build stormwater management
19 projects that are shovel ready. To apply, please
20 submit a pre-application by February 11th.

21 We also have our Voluntary Flood-
22 Prone Property Acquisition Program, where we assist
23 acquiring flood-prone properties that are voluntary.
24 Applications for this program are due January 28th.

1 And then the other two programs, the Green
2 Infrastructure Partnership Program and our conceptual
3 projects are currently closed to new applicants at
4 this time. We anticipate reopening the -- these
5 applications probably later on this year.

6 If you need more information, you
7 can visit our website at [mwrdd.org/stormwater/
8 partnerships](http://mwrdd.org/stormwater/partnerships).

9 All right. So that's it for the
10 capital improvement section of this presentation. If
11 you have any questions, type it in the chat or you
12 can unmute yourself.

13 MR. CZARNOTA: Thanks, Mark.

14 Does anyone have any questions on
15 the capital improvements?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. CZARNOTA: Kimberly just asked to send
18 out the flyer. I can probably send that out
19 following the meeting.

20 Then we will move on to item number
21 5, which is the small streams maintenance item, which
22 will be done by Fabio.

23 MR. MONTEIRO: So good morning. My name is
24 Fabio Monteiro, I'm a MWRD Associate Civil Engineer

1 for the Small Streams Maintenance Program. And for
2 this Watershed Planning Council meeting, I would like
3 to present what our program does and how you can be
4 part of it. Also, I can quickly present two other
5 programs, the Rain Barrel and Restore the Canopy
6 Programs, and then I will answer some questions.

7 So the Small Streams Maintenance
8 Program was established in 2006 and was developed to
9 remove blockages and debris from the waterways in
10 Cook County to help relieve flooding. Thousands of
11 yards of debris are removed from local streams each
12 year. Outside of our primary mission, we also assist
13 on a limited basis, depending on our assessment, by
14 removing basic plants, downed trees, low hanging
15 branches, dense weeds and providing beaver trapping
16 and erosion control. However, I would like to
17 mention that we have no capabilities for dredging at
18 the moment.

19 In the pictures, we can see examples
20 of SSMP's main work, which is removal of stream
21 blockages. The top pictures show the before and
22 after of the North Branch of the Chicago River in the
23 Miami Woods area of the Cook County Forest Preserve
24 in Morton Grove. The bottom picture shows the before

1 and after of our work on Des Plaines River at Dundee
2 in Wheeling.

3 So some of SSMP's equipment used to
4 remove blockages and debris are multi-terrain Skid
5 Steer, mini Skid Steer or boxer, chipper and other
6 additional resources. Depending on the water level,
7 location and type of blockage, we usually -- it's
8 wood and material, for example, a dead tree, we would
9 assess case by case, whether we secure the dead tree
10 on the riverbank or chip it. If we chip it, we work
11 together with the municipalities for disposal of the
12 wood chips. And the multi-terrain Skid Steer is one
13 piece of equipment that is capable to pick up
14 material, drag and brush cut. The mini Skid Steer or
15 boxer are used for stream cleaning in sensitive and
16 limited-access areas.

17 How can you help with the waterway
18 blockages, so you can help us with waterway blockages
19 and debris in rivers and streams by reporting on
20 MWRD's website or calling. Also, by not leaving yard
21 waste near your streams, not littering and properly
22 disposing of trash. And if you live on a stream,
23 consider landscaping with native plants and removing
24 invasive plants such as Buckthorn. Many native

1 plants have strong root structure that resists
2 erosion.

3 So there are two ways to report
4 blockages in our waterways. Through MWRD's website,
5 mwrdd.org, under the following path. What we do is
6 stormwater management and stream maintenance, report
7 a waterway blockage. I will show more in the next
8 slide. Also, by contacting Arturo or me by phone or
9 e-mail. And please notify us immediately if you
10 see -- if you see any issue.

11 So this is what reporting through
12 our website looks like. So after entering our
13 website, mwrdd.org, click on the tab what we do and
14 then followed by clicking on stormwater management
15 then stream maintenance. And please find the --
16 please find and click on the blue box, report a
17 waterway blockage, which will pop up a window called
18 MWRD instant reporting, and select box waterway
19 blockage and click on here, link shown.

20 Finally, you will be able to find a
21 quick report form with your -- You will be able to
22 fill out a quick report form with your information
23 and comments and location of the blockage.

24 Also, another quick way to find our

1 stream maintenance web page is just by Googling MWRD
2 SSMP.

3 So that is it for the Small Streams
4 Maintenance Program. I will talk a little bit about
5 the Rain Barrel Program. MWRD is continuing with the
6 Rain Barrel Program by offering Cook County residents
7 discounted prices while supplies last. The rain
8 barrels capture rainwater from your roof and save it
9 for later use. Rain barrels can help prevent
10 basement backups, street flooding and sewer overflows
11 by keeping rainwater out of the sewer system. You
12 can use rain barrel water to wash your car, water
13 your lawn and/or garden, clean work boots, shoes and
14 bikes. The MWRD rain barrels include a leaf and
15 mosquito filter screen, spigot, overflow adapter and
16 overflow hose.

17 For more information, visit MWRD
18 website, and for questions contact MWRD Public
19 Affairs.

20 Restore the Canopy Program, so MWRD
21 free native tree saplings through our Restore the
22 Canopy Plant a Tree Program. Native trees can help
23 reduce flooding by soaking up rainwater. Since our
24 tree program began in 2016, we have distributed more

1 than a hundred thousand free native trees. Please
2 note that free trees are available for pick up every
3 Wednesday from April to October from 9:00 a.m. to
4 noon at MWRD Water Reclamation Plants. And for
5 orders of 50 or more saplings, complete a form
6 online. Deliveries are available but not to
7 individual homes. Also note that saplings can grow
8 up to 50 to 80 feet tall.

9 And if you have any questions, the
10 best point of contact is Arturo, my supervisor.

11 Open to questions for small streams,
12 if there is any.

13 MR. CZARNOTA: Does anyone have any questions
14 on small streams maintenance or anything else that
15 Fabio had shared?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. CZARNOTA: All right. Hearing none, we
18 will move on to the next item.

19 Do you still have something else to
20 share, Mark, on the Stormwater Partnership Program or
21 did you already share that?

22 MR. CASTILLO: No, I still have a small
23 presentation to give on that.

24 MR. CZARNOTA: Then we can move on to that.

1 MR. CASTILLO: Okay. Thanks.

2 Thank you, Fabio. Thank you, Eric.

3 So now I will be going over our Stormwater
4 Partnership Program. This is meant to be a
5 informational webinar about our program and how to
6 apply. So for today, I'll be going over some key
7 dates and information regarding the Stormwater
8 Partnership Program, an overview of the program, who
9 can apply, what projects are eligible, a walk through
10 of the pre-application that we have and then steps
11 after you submit your pre-application and then
12 briefly go over the other partnerships that we have
13 available.

14 So the Stormwater Partnership
15 Program can be accessed by going to [mwrdd.org/
16 stormwater/SPP](http://mwrdd.org/stormwater/SPP). There's three easy steps to apply:
17 First, we ask that you go to the website and review
18 the program requirements, which I will go through
19 briefly; submit a pre-application form by February
20 11th; and then you'll be invited to finalize your
21 application when full applications are available,
22 that is near the end of March. And you'll have about
23 six to seven weeks to finalize that application.

24 So what is the Stormwater

1 Partnership Program, we partner with local
2 communities to protect residential homes and
3 businesses from flooding. So this program targets
4 communities with projects that have been primarily
5 designed or are shovel ready, but they need that
6 funding assistance to get that project towards
7 construction. We can provide funding towards the
8 construction of stormwater infrastructure, and we --
9 and under this program, we prioritize detention but
10 we also consider projects that improve stormwater
11 conveyance, such as relief sewers and we also
12 consider streambank stabilization projects that
13 project -- protect structures from erosion.

14 Selected applicants can enter into
15 an intergovernmental agreement with the MWRD and are
16 responsible for finalizing the design of the project,
17 bidding it, awarding and constructing it.

18 There is also some diversity
19 requirements on our share amount that needs to be
20 met, and then there is long-term maintenance of the
21 project after it' been completed.

22 The photo here I have is of a flood-
23 control project in Park Ridge. That's approximately
24 two million dollars to construct, and we contributed

1 about half. It holds 750,000 gallons of stormwater.

2 So who can apply, so these are
3 mainly public entities that can enter into an
4 intergovernmental agreement with the MWRD. This
5 includes villages, cities, towns, townships, other
6 county agencies, park districts, school districts and
7 et cetera. Like I said, government -- local
8 government organizations.

9 What projects are eligible, again,
10 we're looking mainly for projects that manage
11 stormwater through onsite detention, conveyance
12 improvements or stream channel improvements. We are
13 looking for projects that reduce and prevent flooding
14 of structures, and projects that don't adversely
15 impact downstream stormwater conditions. Projects
16 must be located within our corporate boundaries, and
17 if you go to our website, you can see a GIS layer
18 that clearly defines, you know, our boundaries.
19 Projects can't be under construction and can't have
20 been already completed. We are looking for projects
21 that can obtain ownership and/or easements over the
22 entire project site or are able to secure those
23 easements prior to construction. We also are looking
24 for projects, like I said already, that are shovel

1 ready or have already finalized preliminary design.
2 And then finally, ineligible projects include ones
3 that are used to comply with the requirements of the
4 Watershed Management Ordinance or other local state
5 or federal requirements. So you can't use this
6 program to meet the requirements of, you know, local,
7 state or federal ordinances.

8 So next up is how do you access and
9 fill out the pre-application form. You go to our
10 website at mwrdd.org/stormwater/partnerships. This is
11 a screenshot of the website. Here you can see all
12 four of our applications that we have. If you scroll
13 down, we actually have a section called latest
14 updates. This is meant to kind of keep applicants in
15 the loop as far as upcoming deadlines and you know,
16 selection and then any projects that have been
17 completed.

18 But for now, let's go into the
19 Stormwater Partnership Program web page here. So on
20 the Stormwater Partnership Program page, up top here,
21 you can see there is a review of program
22 requirements. These are jump links. If you go down
23 further in the page and go into detail about who can
24 apply, what projects are eligible, how funding can be

1 used, and then going through the partnership
2 requirements, if selected. We also have a section
3 that kind of goes over how we evaluate applications.
4 And then you can see down here in step two, this is
5 your link to the pre-application. So let's go into
6 that now.

7 So first up, I have to apologize,
8 our -- you know, we went through this website
9 transition, and we're still finalizing how our form
10 looks. And it is one of the main reasons why I'm
11 kind of presenting right now, just to help people
12 navigate through this form, because it can be a
13 little difficult to read. But if you have any
14 questions, please contact us at stormwater@mwr.org,
15 if you need any assistance applying.

16 So this is the pre-application form.
17 Again, we have the three sections here, just kind of
18 going over -- you know, asking applicants to review
19 the program requirements, that these forms are
20 mandatory to apply and this form should be pretty
21 easy to fill out. So we're asking people to complete
22 it in one sitting, you know, review it before and
23 we'll go through like what items are needed to
24 complete the application right now.

1 So first up, we're just asking
2 people to provide their basic contact information.
3 For the applicant, if there are multiple partners, we
4 prefer the applicant that is or will be responsible
5 for bidding, awarding and administrating the
6 construction contract, because that is eventually who
7 we will be reimbursing. You can provide your primary
8 contacts that will be managing, filling out and kind
9 of managing this whole application process. We do
10 ask that in the association with the applicant,
11 applicant/employee kind of refers to a village or
12 city staff member, and then authorized representative
13 of the applicant is typically a consultant.

14 Going further down, we just have two
15 sections where you can kind of talk about your
16 project. First, is just a general project location,
17 so general street address and latitude, longitude and
18 decimal coordinates, and then we have a section where
19 you can upload two project exhibits. So what we're
20 looking for is kind of a marking of like the flooding
21 that occurs in your -- in that area, project area,
22 and then a map of -- map showing the proposed
23 improvements. Further down, you have a section to
24 name your project, as well as kind of a narrative

1 section where you can describe your project, talk
2 about the flooding that occurs in that area, how that
3 flooding impacts, you know, streets roads,
4 structures, and then stormwater improvements to be
5 constructed.

6 Moving on, now we're going over like
7 categorizing your project, and maybe just a brief
8 like what status you're at right now. We're asking
9 applicants to just categorize your project as either
10 one that provides storage, one that mainly improves
11 conveyance of stormwater or some type of combination
12 of both. We're also asking applicants to provide the
13 approximate number of structures impacted by
14 flooding. So this is mainly residential buildings
15 that we're looking at. Any uninhabited structures,
16 such as garages and sheds should not be counted
17 towards this. And then we also just have a checkbox
18 list here of the design milestones that have been
19 achieved. So please just go through this list and
20 just check off what is -- what applies.

21 The next question that we have is if
22 any part of the project is located in the floodplain.
23 This is a yes, no or unsure question. And then we
24 have right-of-way easement and land acquisition.

1 These are two questions here. The first is if there
2 is any permanent, temporary easements or land
3 purchases needed to construct the project. This is a
4 yes, no, unsure question. And then we also added in
5 another question, will this project be constructed on
6 any public -- on any property currently owned by
7 another public agency. In previous rounds, we've run
8 into applicants that have -- They don't realize that
9 negotiating with another public agency to build a
10 project on their site is kind of right-of-way
11 acquisition. And so we just want to make sure that
12 we capture applicants that need to negotiate with
13 another public agency to build a project, because
14 that really can affect the timeline of a project.

15 Finally, we get to the finances. So
16 we ask if the project includes both stormwater
17 infrastructure and other projects or if projects only
18 consist of stormwater infrastructure improvements.
19 So what does that mean, so sometimes these projects
20 are pretty large, and you know, when you are tearing
21 up a road you might want to replace a water main or
22 repave the entire street. And so when we talk about
23 stormwater only infrastructure improvements, we're
24 only looking at what is incidental to the stormwater

1 improvements. So we're asking applicants on the site
2 here to just briefly estimate what portion of their
3 project cost-wise is just stormwater infrastructure
4 and then what is non-stormwater infrastructure. So
5 our funding can only go towards the stormwater
6 portion of that project. So we're asking applicants
7 to provide what their -- what share of percentage
8 they are requesting from us to -- for assistance.
9 And so we have the three numbers here that they put
10 in and then it spits out the estimated MWRD
11 contribution, as well as the total construction cost
12 of the project.

13 Last up, we have the grant funding
14 and schedule. So we have two grants questions. The
15 first one is mainly if you have already received
16 funding from a another agency or organization. We
17 would like to know what that organization is and then
18 we're also asking if you'll apply for any additional
19 funding or grants for that project as well, and then
20 who you are applying to.

21 And then finally, we have the --
22 just the milestones. We have two milestones that we
23 kind of care about when a project is -- design is
24 going to be completed, and then when you anticipate

1 awarding that contract.

2 We are also asking for duration
3 instead of end of project. In past applications, we
4 asked for end of project, but most people would put
5 just like some date in like December, and it just
6 didn't make sense. You know, so we're just asking
7 for the duration right now.

8 So what happens after you submit a
9 pre-application, well, you'll receive a tracking
10 number via e-mail, and you'll save that for, you
11 know, discussing your project with us and to input
12 into your final application. When we receive a pre-
13 application, we will review it and ask you any
14 questions or provide feedback. We intend on
15 providing feedback to all pre-applicants by March.
16 When the final -- When you'll be asked to finalize
17 your application, which is in late March, you will
18 have about seven weeks to finalize it, you will have
19 the opportunity to expand on your answers in the pre-
20 application and then that's where you'll also be able
21 to upload some other -- some other documents, such as
22 flood documentation, your plans, any existing
23 studies, cost estimate and schedule. And then
24 because we are planning on providing feedback, please

1 do consider any feedback when finalizing your
2 application.

3 As far as the timeline of the
4 program, we plan on notifying selected projects
5 around July. And then the next pre-application
6 period will be open in that fall.

7 So going over our current offerings
8 here, our current partnership offerings, Stormwater
9 Partnership Program, please submit your pre-
10 application by February 11th to apply.

11 We also have our Voluntary
12 Flood-Prone Property Acquisition Program. That
13 deadline is January 28th.

14 And then our Green Infrastructure
15 Project Program and conceptual projects are currently
16 closed to new applicants, but they will reopen later
17 on this year.

18 So, that's it. I have the link up
19 here on the screen. I think we can probably throw it
20 into the chat as well. And then if you have any
21 questions, please contact us at stormwater@mwr.org.

22 Are there any questions right now
23 for those in attendance?

24 (No response.)

1 MR. CZARNOTA: All right. Not hearing any
2 questions, I will definitely share all of the links
3 that Mark had shared in the chat following the
4 meeting, along with his contact information if anyone
5 has any questions following the meeting.

6 All right. We will now move to item
7 number 6. Does anyone from MWRD or anyone else have
8 any other business for this meeting?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. CZARNOTA: All right. Hearing none, we
11 will move to item number 7, which will be the next
12 meeting of the Poplar Creek and Upper Salt Creek
13 Planning Council will be held on April 10th at 10:30
14 a.m. via Zoom videoconference.

15 With that, we will adjourn the
16 meeting. Thanks everybody.

17 (The meeting concluded
18 at 11:09 a.m.)

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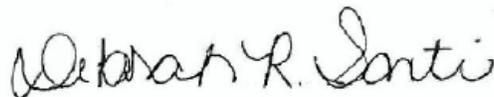
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4 I, DEBORAH R. SANTI, Certified Shorthand
5 Reporter for the State of Illinois, do hereby certify
6 that on the 10th day of January, 2024, the Poplar
7 Creek and Upper Salt Creek Watershed Planning Council
8 Meeting was taken before me, reported
9 stenographically, and was thereafter reduced to
10 typewriting.

11 The said hearing was held via
12 Zoom.

13 I further certify that the
14 foregoing is an accurate record of the hearing at the
15 time and place hereinabove referred to.

16 Witness my official signature
17 and seal as Notary Public, in and for the County of
18 Cook, State of Illinois, on the 26th day of January,
19 2024.

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22 DEBORAH R. SANTI, CSR
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