



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

Media Advisory

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MWRD to host Watershed Management Ordinance training sessions

The Watershed Management Ordinance (WMO) regulates development within Cook County and sewer construction within the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago’s (MWRD’s) service area. Municipal staff, municipal engineers, and consulting engineers are invited to attend a training session about the WMO. To RSVP for a training session, please contact Ouidie Pollard at (312) 751-3255 or email WMOupdates@mwrdd.org.

Date	Time	Location
Wednesday, October 2, 2019	10:00 a.m.	MWRD Board Room 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois
Tuesday, October 8, 2019	10:00 a.m.	Prairie Center for the Arts 201 Schaumburg Court, Schaumburg, Illinois
Thursday, October 10, 2019	10:00 a.m.	Northlake City Hall - Council Chamber Room 55 E. North Avenue, Northlake, Illinois
Tuesday, October 15, 2019	10:00 a.m.	South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association 1904 W. 174th Street, East Hazel Crest, Illinois

On May 16, 2019, the MWRD Board of Commissioners adopted an amendment to the WMO including new Watershed Specific Release Rates, incorporation of Updated Bulletin 70 rainfall data, updates to the redevelopment provisions relating to detention, and several clarifications. The WMO can be accessed at mwrdd.org/wmo. Starting on January 1, 2020, all permit application submittals must comply with the new Watershed Specific Release Rates, Updated Bulletin 70, and redevelopment changes.

The WMO regulates sewer construction within MWRD’s service area and development within suburban Cook County. It provides uniform stormwater management regulations to prevent future commercial, municipal, and residential development and redevelopment projects from exacerbating flooding and protects environmentally sensitive areas. The WMO ensures stormwater drainage and detention is provided to curb impacts of new development, protects wetlands and riparian environments, and reduces soil erosion. Paved roads, parking lots, walkways and buildings make cities livable, but they also reduce the amount of land on which water can be absorbed. These improvements can fill and impact the floodplain.

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Established in 1889, the MWRD (www.mwrdd.org) is an award winning, special purpose government agency responsible for wastewater treatment and stormwater management in Cook County, Illinois.