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**North Branch of the Chicago River Watershed Planning Council  
AGENDA**

**Tuesday, December 7, 2021  
10:00 a.m.**

**Via Zoom Video Conference**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82566194363?pwd=K0QrNFZlc3pqOWNvVExNcDVuWGxwdz09>

**Meeting ID: 825 6619 4363  
Passcode: NB120721**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. September 7, 2021 Meeting Notes (Attachment A)**
- IV. Watershed Management Ordinance Update**  
Lolita Thompson will provide an update on the watershed management ordinance amendment.
- V. Local Agency Projects Updates**  
MWRD staff invites local engineers and public works staff to share current or upcoming stormwater projects in their communities.
- VI. Meeting Dates for 2022 (Attachment B)**  
The proposed 2022 meeting dates for the council are attached for reference.
- VII. Other Business**
- VIII. Next Meeting**  
The next meeting of the North Branch Chicago River Watershed Planning Council will be held on Tuesday, March 1 at 10:00 a.m. via video conference.
- IX. Adjournment**

North Branch Chicago River Watershed Planning Council  
Via Zoom  
Tuesday, September 7, 2021  
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Rich Fisher, MWRD	Jorge Cruz, Village of Wilmette
Lucas Roat, MWRD	James O'Brien, Office of Commissioner Cam Davis
Rob Podgorny, MWRD	Thomas Burke, CBBEL
Yusuf Vidal, MWRD	Steve Randolph, Horner & Shifrin
Annie Wright, MWRD	Nicole Saulsberry, Sierra Club
Ingrid Eckersberg, City of Evanston	Lila Gillespe, Stantec
Robyn Flakne, Village of Glenview	Mark Fowler, NWMC
James Tigie, Village of Glencoe	Kendra Johnson, NWMC
Chris Tomich, Village of Morton Grove	

Ms. Johnson began the meeting at 10:01 a.m. Ms. Johnson read the names of attendees for roll call and asked others to register their attendance in the chat box. Mr. Roat discussed time lapse graphics showing stormwater projects awarded since 2011. He noted that the MWRD is currently engaged in 31 stormwater projects in the North Branch area. He provided an overview of the 2020 green infrastructure call for projects and those that were selected for funding.

Mr. Roat reviewed several ongoing green infrastructure projects in Evanston, Kenilworth, Skokie, Niles, and Winnetka. He highlighted a cross section of what green alley projects utilize to handle stormwater runoff. He also provided an update on the suburban Space to Grow initiative, which is still in the planning stages with schools being evaluated for eligibility in the program. He noted that selected schools would be presented to the Board of Commissioners in 2021 with construction of the pilot program projects scheduled for 2022. \

Mr. Roat introduced a video presentation on green alleys in Harwood Heights. Ms. Saulsberry asked whether MWRD would have jurisdiction in the Cahokia Heights area, and Mr. Roat responded that MWRD only has legislative regulatory authority to enter into stormwater management projects in Cook County. Ms. Saulsberry asked if staff knew what the percentage of water reduction was with green alleys, and Mr. Roat responded that he did not know specifics, but that percentages vary depending on the project and the stormwater events that they are designed for. Mr. Fisher noted that the green infrastructure projects generally do not reduce runoff to the same degree that traditional grey infrastructure does, but if placed strategically can have effective results in reducing five year events. He noted that green infrastructure projects have the added benefit of improving water quality through natural filtration. Ms. Saulsberry asked if MWRD engages in projects involving cool pavement, and Mr. Fisher noted that the District does not have experience with those projects as they are more focused on volume capture. He noted that MWRD's program to distribute oak saplings could have the co-benefit of reducing heat islands, but their main focus is on stormwater benefits.

Mr. Podgorny discussed the Small Streams Maintenance program which removes debris from waterways to allow stormwater to flow downstream. He provided an overview of the equipment that is used to clear debris and the importance of working with the local officials in reporting blockages and having them addressed. Mr. Podgorny noted several different ways that people can report blockages, including the MWRD's website and mobile app. He

*\*Full meeting transcripts are available upon request. Please contact Kendra Johnson (kjohanson@nwmc-cog.org) for a copy.*

discussed MWRD's rain barrel program and the Restore the Canopy program, which provides tree saplings for large projects as well as individuals.

Ms. Johnson thanked attendees for participating in the video conference. Ms. Saulsberry asked when a recording of the meeting would be posted, and Ms. Wright responded that a recording would likely not be available but she would send the slides to attendees who were interested. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

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**TO:** North Branch Chicago River Watershed Planning Council

**FROM:** Kendra Johnson, Northwest Municipal Conference

**DATE:** December 7, 2021

**RE:** North Branch Chicago River Watershed Planning Council Meeting Dates for 2022

Below are the quarterly North Branch Chicago River Watershed Planning Council meeting dates for 2022. Please note these dates are subject to change pending any conflicts with other MWRD meetings.

All meetings are normally held at Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 Lincoln Ave, however current circumstances with the COVID-19 pandemic will likely require that meetings continue to be held via video conference.

Tuesday	March 1, 2022	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday	June 7, 2022	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday	September 6, 2022	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday	December 6, 2022	10:00 a.m.