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**North Branch of the Chicago River Watershed Planning Council
AGENDA
Tuesday, September 1, 2020
10:00 a.m.
Via Microsoft Teams**

Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone.
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- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. June 23, 2020 Meeting Notes (Attachment A)**
- IV. North Branch Watershed Capital Improvement Projects Update**
Paul Jacobs will provide an update on the capital improvement projects in the watershed.
- V. Small Stream Maintenance Program Update**
Robert Podgorny will provide status report on the MWRD's Small Stream Maintenance Program.
- VI. Watershed Management Ordinance Update**
Stephen Kaszonyi will provide and update on Watershed Management Ordinance.
- VII. Other Business**
- VIII. Next Meeting**
The next meeting of the North Branch Chicago River Watershed Planning Council will be held on Tuesday, December 1 at 10:00 a.m. via video conference.
- IX. Adjournment**

North Branch Chicago River Watershed Planning Council
Via Microsoft Teams
Tuesday, June 23, 2020
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Michael Cunico, MWRD
Paul Jacobs, MWRD
Rob Podgorny, MWRD
Mick Cosme, MWRD
Rich Fisher, MWRD
Jorge Cruz, Village of Wilmette
Adriana Webb, Village of Glenview
Dan Manis, Village of Wilmette
Robin Flakne, Village of Glenview
Mark Fowler, NWMC

Mr. Jacobs began the meeting at 10:06 a.m. Mr. Cosme read the names of attendees listed in the chat box and asked others to register their attendance in the chat box. Mr. Jacobs discussed a map of all projects in progress or completed in the watershed. He gave examples of local stormwater partnership opportunities and prioritization processes. He said final selection of new projects resulting from the February call for projects will be announced in July. Mr. Jacobs reviewed the list of completed DWP (formerly Phase I and Phase II), local and green infrastructure projects in the region, including projects in Chicago, Evanston, Glencoe, Glenview, Harwood Heights, Lincolnwood, Niles, Northbrook, Wilmette and Winnetka. He reviewed the Green Infrastructure Projects underway in 2020, noting that \$9.7 million will be spent to benefit 1,205 structures and retain 1.4 million gallons of stormwater.

Mr. Jacobs discussed the 2020 call for Green Infrastructure Projects and encouraged applications by the August 30 deadline. Mr. Jacobs then reviewed the flood-prone property acquisition program in conjunction with FEMA and the recently published Green Neighbor Guide. He said a similar guide for professionals should be published soon. Finally, he encouraged municipalities to complete the stormwater master plan initiative survey.

Mr. Podgorny provided an overview and update of the MWRD small streams maintenance program. He said that there are over 500 miles of small streams in the MWRD service territory and that the district relies on the public and municipalities to notify them of issues. He described the equipment used to clear debris and said that blockages can be reported through the website, iPhone app or via email. He said over 300 work orders were generated in 2019 and more than 60 this year via these reporting methods. Finally, Mr. Podgorny reviewed the rain barrel and Restore the Canopy programs.

Mr. Cunico provided an update on the WMO and the infiltration and inflow programs. He said that MWRD moved to an all-electronic process due to COVID-19 and reviewed the process to submit documents. He reminded everyone that receipt of fee payments prior to permit acceptance is waived until June 30; after July 1, he said all fees must be paid before the first review letter is issued. Mr. Cunico said that the WMO was amended on May 7, 2020 and reviewed the stormwater detention and volume control trading pilot study being conducted on the Lower Des Plaines River and Little Calumet River. He said that the updated rainfall distribution data has been changed from Bulletin 70 to Bulletin 75. Finally, Mr. Cunico reviewed other WMO updates and changes, including the Schedule P permit form, the technical guidance manual, new design calculators and templates for the new HEC-HMS model.

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

Regarding the infiltration and inflow program, Mr. Cunico reviewed the short term requirements that were due on July 10, 2019. He reminded communities to submit their annual summary reports for the program if they have not yet done so in recent years. He recommended that communities contact Ann Gray, graya@mwrld.org, to check compliance with the I/I requirements. Mr. Cunico discussed grant opportunities, eligible projects and other details for the Rebuild Illinois Grant Programs, and noted that applications are due by June 30. Finally, Mr. Cunico noted that the district has GPS units available for use by sewer system owners and asked that any data collected be shared with MWRD.

Mr. Fisher thanked attendees for participating in the video conference and for being flexible in meeting remotely. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.