

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 4, 2019

COMMITTEE ON STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Mr. Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

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Authority to amend the Watershed Management Ordinance

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Dear Sir:

The Board of Commissioners adopted the Watershed Management Ordinance (WMO) on October 3, 2013, and amended the WMO on April 17, 2014. The WMO became effective on May 1, 2014, and was further amended on July 10, 2014, and February 15, 2018.

On December 6, 2018, the Board of Commissioners authorized public notification of the intent to amend the WMO. Seven public meetings were held in January 2019 to present the proposed revisions, which resulted in additional input from stakeholders across Cook County. Two follow-up meetings with the Technical Advisory Committee were held on February 27, 2019, and March 12, 2019, to discuss additional changes due to comments received.

As indicated in §504.3 of the WMO, Watershed Specific Release Rates become effective on May 1, 2019. A proposed interim amendment extending the Watershed Specific Release Rate effective date to June 6, 2019 is attached for consideration for adoption. This interim amendment only includes extending the May 1, 2019 deadline. Another amendment including the actual Watershed Specific Release Rates, other noteworthy changes, and clarifications will be submitted at a later date.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Executive Director recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the Board approve amendments to the Watershed Management Ordinance, which will be effective April 4, 2019.

Requested, Catherine A. O'Connor, Director of Engineering, WSS:MD *CO*

Recommended, Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for April 4, 2019

Attachments