

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 6, 2009

TO: Steering Committee

FROM: John Wills, P.E.
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SUBJECT: Kick-Off Meeting – Stormwater Ordinance Update
(WBK Project 09-0039)

MEETING DATE: November 5, 2009

A kick-off meeting was held on Thursday, November 5, 2009 at the BP Campus in Naperville from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The targeted audience consisted of “permit users” from the business community. There were 106 people in attendance from the business community. Stormwater Committee Chairmen Jim Zay provided the welcome and introduction. I gave a brief overview of the ordinance update process. About half the time was spent receiving comments and questions from the audience. Provided below is a brief summary of these comments and what the audience would like considered in the stormwater ordinance update.

1. Look at infiltration requirements, taking into consideration the soils in DuPage County.
2. Consider wetland hydrology requirement similar to the 80/150 rule in Lake County.
3. Provide better explanation and/or options for detention requirement related to roadway reconstruction.
4. Consider providing a tax credit for properties that contain wetlands and are not able to be developed.
5. Provide flexibility with regards to the grade transitions throughout the county with regards to detention requirements.
6. The review process is timely, look at providing an expedited process.
7. Look at Minnesota’s 90/60 rule with regards to water quality.
8. Consider economic well being of people; consider property rights; review permit fees, and no stormwater utility.
9. Look at functions and provide clarification for riparian environments. Make provision for removal of invasive species.
10. Look at the State’s process.
11. Provide recommendation for permeable pavers with regards to detention.
12. Encourage positive practices.
13. Have restriction on size of wetlands, i.e. ¼ ac or smaller are exempt from requirements.
14. Provide density credits.
15. Grant program for park districts.
16. Simplified violation process for historic violations.
17. Make all mapping (wetland, floodplain, etc) free.
18. Provide a countywide wetland map.
19. Ask for all permit submittals in a digital format.
20. Have consistency in reviews from each municipality and the county.