

MEMORANDUM

To: Robert Kosin, Village of Barrington Hills

From: Daniel J. Strahan, P.E., CFM
Gewalt Hamilton Associates

Date: January 23, 2014

Re: Cook County Watershed Management Ordinance

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On January 13, 2014, the Village received the attached letter from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) explaining the process for municipalities to become authorized to administer the Cook County Watershed Management Ordinance (WMO) within municipal boundaries. The WMO becomes effective May 1, 2014.

As the Village has previously adopted the Lake County Watershed Development Ordinance (WDO) to apply in all four counties, we do not recommend that the letter of intent be pursued. However, the Cook County WMO does include a section regarding “Dual County Municipalities” (Section 207), which requires that if the Village seeks to continue to enforce the Lake County WDO within the limits of Cook County, the Village would need to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the MWRD. Our office has had preliminary discussions with the MWRD about that process, but would request that the Board affirm the Village’s intent to continue this process prior to pursuing it any further.

It should be noted based on the final WMO, there are certain activities for which the MWRD will retain permitting authority regardless of whether the Lake County WDO may regulate said activities. The three areas that most likely affect the Village would include the following:

- Development proposing new or reconstructed sewer, drainage, or detention outfalls to the waterways or Lake Michigan, within Cook County; (*GHA note: this would include a project as nominal as a culvert discharging to Flint Creek or Spring Creek*)
- Development proposing reconfiguration of existing major or minor stormwater systems which alters the service area of a permitted or existing detention facility;
- Development proposing modifications to a permitted or existing detention facility.

As there is no portion of the Village of Barrington Hills within the MWRD service area and the predominant watersheds in Barrington Hills flow out of Cook County, during the IGA process we would request consideration be given to remove these exemptions as it relates to Barrington Hills. In either case, these activities would continue to be regulated by the Lake County WDO.

cc: VBH Board of Trustees

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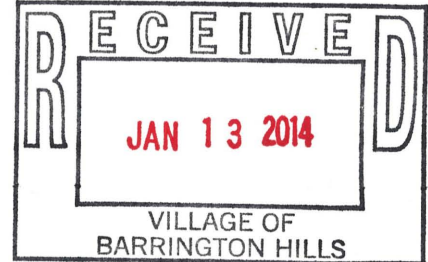
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January 8, 2014

Mr. Robert Abboud Jr.
President
Village of Barrington Hills
112 Algonquin Road
Barrington Hills, IL 60010



Dear Mr. Abboud Jr.;

Subject: Process for municipalities to become authorized under the Watershed Management Ordinance

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's (District) Board of Commissioners adopted the Watershed Management Ordinance (WMO) on October 3, 2013. The WMO will become effective on May 1, 2014.

Article 14 of the WMO allows local municipalities to become authorized to administer aspects of the WMO. Such municipalities are referred to as authorized municipalities. Municipalities interested in authorization must submit a letter of intent to the District. A sample letter of intent is enclosed with this letter and an editable copy is accessible through the District's website (wmo.mwrdd.org). A subsequent intergovernmental agreement between the municipality and District will effectuate the municipality's status as an authorized municipality. If your municipality intends to become an authorized municipality, please submit a letter of intent to:

Catherine A. O'Connor
Director of Engineering
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
100 East Erie Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

The WMO, a sample letter of intent, and a template intergovernmental agreement are accessible at wmo.mwrdd.org. Please contact Mr. Jason Meyer at (312) 751-3191 if you require further information.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Catherine A. O'Connor".

Catherine A. O'Connor
Director of Engineering

WSS:JPM:JJM:ch

Enclosures

cc: VILLAGE/CITY MANAGER

Month XX, Year

Dr. Catherine A. O'Connor, Ph.D., P.E.
Director of Engineering
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
100 E. Erie Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Dr. O'Connor:

Subject: Intent to become an authorized municipality to administer the Watershed Management Ordinance

The Town/City/Village of _____ ("municipality") intends to become authorized to administer the Watershed Management Ordinance ("WMO") to the extent allowed by Article 14 of that ordinance.

The municipality designates Mr./Ms. _____ as the municipality's enforcement officer. All correspondence should be directed to Mr./Ms. _____'s attention at the following address:

Street Address
City, State ZIP

Please find the following documents enclosed in support of this letter of intent.

1. Legal Opinion indicating the municipality has legal authority to perform all obligations required by the WMO, including:
 - a. Regulating erosion and sediment control, stormwater management, floodplains, isolated wetlands, and riparian environments;
 - b. Conducting inspections on private property;
 - c. Issuing watershed management permits;
 - d. Administering the WMO; and
 - e. Entering into an intergovernmental agreement with the District.
2. A verified statement of financial capacity to perform and adequately fund the municipality's obligations related to the administration of the WMO as set forth in Article 14 of that ordinance.
3. An implementation plan, with an estimate of permit load and available review staff.
4. Schedule of Permit Fees.
5. An exhibit delineating the corporate limits of the municipality for the purposes of administering the WMO. Note that areas within the limits of the Combined Sewer Area Limits cannot be locally administered.
6. Contact information sheet.

Please contact the municipality's enforcement officer at (XXX) XXX-XXXX if you require further information.

Very truly yours,

Municipal Executive

Contact Information Sheet

The Town/City/Village of _____ intends to become authorized to administer the Cook County Watershed Management Ordinance. Below is contact information for the Town's/City's/Villages's Enforcement Officer, Professional Engineer, and Wetland Specialist.

Enforcement Officer

NAME: _____
TITLE: _____
ORGANIZATION: _____
STREET ADDRESS: _____
CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____
PHONE: _____
FAX: _____
EMAIL: _____

Professional Engineer

NAME: _____, P.E.
TITLE: _____
ORGANIZATION: _____
STREET ADDRESS: _____
CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____
PHONE: _____
FAX: _____
EMAIL: _____

Wetland Specialist

NAME: _____
TITLE: _____
ORGANIZATION: _____
STREET ADDRESS: _____
CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____
PHONE: _____
FAX: _____
EMAIL: _____