

**DuPage River Salt Creek Workgroup  
General Membership Meeting  
Village of Lombard  
August 27, 2025  
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- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Approval of the June 25, 2025 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes (Attachment 1).**
- 3. Presentation Abstract: Environmental DNA metabarcoding for whole community inventories of vertebrates in rivers of the midwestern United States  
Presenter: Sophie Picq, eDNA Research Scientist / Head of the Biomolecular Clean Laboratory, Field Museum of Natural History**

Developing effective and rapid monitoring techniques that can identify trends in ecological communities is key to ensuring the future of biodiversity. Environmental DNA (eDNA) metabarcoding is one such promising tool that provides a standardized and non-invasive approach to inventory biodiversity. Through the capture, amplification, and sequencing of the genetic material shed by all organisms in the environment, eDNA provides biologists with an additional indicator for detecting and monitoring organisms. In this talk, I will first review the background, methods, and main uses of environmental DNA (eDNA) as a tool for assessing and monitoring biodiversity in freshwater ecosystems. I will also cover main sampling and lab methodologies to detect the presence of single or multiple species. Finally, I will give a summary of our [recent study](#) that used eDNA metabarcoding for whole community inventories of vertebrates in the Kankakee River. In this study, we identified 147 different taxa including 77 fishes, 38 birds, 24 mammals, five amphibians and three reptiles at 11 locations in the watershed, including tributaries and mainstem stretches within and upstream of the Kankakee River State Park protected area. We also found that vertebrate communities among the different habitats significantly varied in taxonomic composition, showing an upstream-downstream shift along the mainstem river as well as tributary-specific assemblages. Our study demonstrates the ability of single-marker eDNA metabarcoding to simultaneously document aquatic and terrestrial communities across large temperate lotic ecosystems and to monitor diversity patterns across protected areas.

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*This presentation has been approved by the IEPA as CEUs for the Wastewater Operator and Drinking Water Operator Certifications. The IEPA course number will be provided to all attendees via email following the meeting.*

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS PERMIT ACTIVITIES**

**4. Special Conditions Permit Administration**

- **2020/2025 Permit Negotiations** –Draft Special Condition (SC) Language incorporating the NIP recommendations for the Wood Dale North and Elmhurst WWTP was received from the IEPA in early February 2025. It was reviewed and comments were submitted to IEPA. The draft Naperville permit (Lower DuPage Conditions) will follow once these are issued. See Section 7 (NIP) of the Agenda for more information on this item.
- **Additional NIP and Permit Materials** – See items in agenda 6 and 7 (Project Matrix and NIP materials)
  - PFAS Monitoring/PFAS Reduction Program Language – The draft Wood Dale North, Elmhurst, and Naperville permits also includes quarterly monitoring of the influent and effluent, and semi-annually monitoring of biosolids for 40 PFAS compounds using draft test method 1633. In addition the draft permits contain language for a PFAS Reduction Program that requires an Inventory and a PFAS Reduction Initiative for all facilities (based on listed SIC codes) that have the potential to discharge PFAS into the sanitary sewer.
- **Additional Permit Items**
  - MWRD – Under DRSCW/MWRD’s current Agreement, MWRD is (as well as bidding and managing the construction of the Master Plan for Salt Creek) providing \$6,010,012 in funding for the project. DRSCW is committed to reimburse MWRD for construction costs above MWRD’s funding total.
- **Annual Report** – The 2024-25 Annual Report was submitted to the IEPA on March 26, 2025 on behalf of all SC members. The report can be found at [https://drscw.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/2024-25\\_drscw-ldwrc\\_annualreport\\_03262025\\_compressed.pdf](https://drscw.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/2024-25_drscw-ldwrc_annualreport_03262025_compressed.pdf) .  
A copy of the email sent with the submission of the report has been forwarded to all SC holders. To date, the IEPA has not provided written confirmation of the report; however, return receipts have been marked as received and read.

**5. Physical Projects (Ongoing)**

**Fawell Dam Modification**

- **MOU** – The MOU for implementing the project was signed in October 2023 by the DC SWM, FPDDC and DRSCW,.
- **Extension Letter** - A letter requesting the completion date be moved to December 31, 2025 has been sent to Permits Section. On November 18, 2024, Brant Fleming with the IEPA provided written acceptance via email of the revised interim completion date for the

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project to December 31, 2025. A copy of B. Fleming's email was provided to all Special Condition holders.

- **Design and Fabrication** – We have a design fabrication contract with BK Riverfish and have been hosting weekly calls between BK Riverfish, the fabricator, V3 and the DRSCW to discuss ongoing design issues. The first of these was held on March 25, 2025. An updated cost for fabrication has been received from BK Riverfish which is in excess of the original cost proposal. The current quote is for \$211,000 for fabrication and \$15,000 for the shop drawing for a total cost of \$226,000. Some of these increases are associated with design changes in the ladder and the time since the original quote (2022). Staff is negotiating the final pricing with BK Riverfish to bring it more in line with the original cost proposal (\$200,000).
- **QA/QC on Ladder Fabrication 1** – Fehr-Graham was selected to complete a review of the shop drawings for the proposed Kynard Alternating Baffle Fish Passage to be installed at Fawell Dam. The review is complete and Fehr-Graham has issued several recommendations which have resulted in the increase in gauge of materials used in construction, use of sheer studs instead of tabs, a review of the top grate connection and design. Other recommendations including materials (Stainless Steel V hot dipped galvanized and replacing the steel “box” with concrete) were not adopted. The Project Team is continuing to resolve all of Fehr-Graham's recommendations with the designer and fabricator during the Friday Project calls.
- **QA/QC on Ladder Fabrication 2** – The designer (BK Riverfish) is now recommending that the upstream (removable and wing wall sections) be eliminated. V3 and DRSCW have collected data (flow and depth at the culvert upstream lip) and more closely examining the gate operation to verify if this is viable. One visit has been completed and it was determined that a second site visit is not needed at this time. The final design of the upper most section of the ladder including the fish net attachment is on-going.
- **July 9, 2025 Projects Committee Meeting** – A Projects Committee Meeting was held on July 9, 2025 to present an update on the Fawell dam fish passage project and discuss next steps.
- **Coordination with DC SWM** – A meeting is scheduled with DC SWM for Thursday, August 21, 2025 to discuss the final design of the fish ladder system and the bid process for ladder installation.
- **Project Permits**
  - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (US ACOE) Nationwide Permit (LRC-2024-169) – The application was submitted in March 2024 and the permit was received on September 25, 2024.
  - SHPO Review– SHPO have issued a signoff letter stating that the project does not rise to the level of an adverse impact on either the dam or the adjacent Preserve.
  - ◆ U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Section 7 Consultation – No Effect Determination received January 16, 2024
  - ◆ KDSCWD – Signoff on the SESC plan by the KDSWCD is a requirement of the

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US ACOE Nationwide Permit. A permit application and fee covering the SESC review was submitted to the KDSWCD by V3 in mid-September 2024. Signoff on the ESC Plans from KDSWCD was received on October 9, 2024.

- DuPage County Stormwater Management Certification and Building Permit – The permit application was submitted in December 2024. The DC submittal will combine the components of the Corps submittal and IDNR-OWR dam modifications submittal. It also incorporated the MOU with DuPage County.
- Illinois Department of Natural Resources
  - ♦ EcoCAT Request – Signoff received January 16, 2024
  - ♦ Major Modification of Existing Dam Permit – Application pending submission (Based on past discussions and the revised design, this permit may be combined with the Floodway Construction Permit). Plans were submitted to IDNR in December 2024 but confirmation has been received that they view the project as a Dam Modification as opposed to a Floodway Construction project
  - ♦ Floodway Construction Permit – A separate Floodway Construction Permit is not anticipated to be required based on IDNR feedback.
- IEPA - As the project is under one acre of disturbance an IEPA ILR10 this item is not required.
- **Next Steps**
  - Finalize IDNR permit
  - Meeting with DC SWM to present design changes to ladder/installation (scheduled for August 21, 2025)
  - Finalize Review of Shop Drawings and Final Design of Ladder/Project
  - Authorize material purchase and fabrication
  - DC issues bid for ladder placement contract
  - Review needs for V3 contract covering installation assistance/oversight.
  - Fabrication of ladder is completed; sections are dry fitted and delivered onsite
  - Installation supervised by County with assistance from BK Riverfish
- **Project Monitoring – Pre-implementation survey** – The FPD carried out a survey of a 300 ft section downstream of the dam (riffle area). The survey found 14 total species, made up of 102 total individuals. This is meant to catalog fish species present at the ladder's first stage entrance/staging area below the dam.
- **Presentation to the FPDDC Board** – The FPDDC has requested a presentation to update the Board on the status of the project. E. Neidy recommended the presentation be added to a Fall 2025 FPPDC Board meeting agenda.

**Graue Mill Dam**

- **Project Schedule**
  - Construction – Substantial completion was met in December 2025. Vegetation and M&M ongoing.

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- Punch List – V3 and their subconsultants are working through punch list items. The motor on the waterwheel is being replaced by V3/FM due to the constant noise that the motor makes while running. V3 is drafting as-builts for the project and needs to complete additional field survey work before the as-builts can be completed.
- Plantings – Perennial plant installation for the Spring 2025 season is complete. Watering is on-going as needed.
- Permit Related Activities—The final dam safety inspection was completed by the FPDDC on April 8, 2025 and accepted by IDNR-OWR Dam Safety on April 9, 2025. As-built plans for the site in the vicinity for the former dam will need to be submitted to IDNR once they are completed by V3 to close out the IDNR OWR dam removal permit. Education signs that were required under the ACOE Section 106 MOA have been installed. Three signs have been installed in the vicinity of the Graue Mill and include 1) The Men of Company V1668 – Recognizes the CCC Company that worked at Fullersburg Woods, 2) Going with the Flow – Remembers the former CCC dam and highlights the ecological benefits of the dam removal, and 3) Remaking the Mill – Highlights the CCC's work on the restoration of the Graue Mill and the listing of the Mill on the National Register of Historic Places. The signs have been approved by both the ACOE and SHPO and this requirement from the MOA has been satisfactorily met.
- Related FPDDC at the site – The Nature Center Parking lot, trails and entrance road were re-paved on May 12, 2025.
- Grand Opening – A grand opening ceremony coordinated with MWRDGC, FPDDC, and V3. It is scheduled was held on Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 11:00 am. D. Streicher will be spoke on behalf of the DRSCW.
- MWRD/DRSCW Agreement – The DRSCW and MWRD Agreement that outlines MWRD's commitment to bid and manage the construction of the Master Plan for Salt Creek.
- Payments – Total Billed by V3 to date (08/06/2025): \$8,364,149.97 which includes
  - Pay Estimate 1 (11/08/2023): \$464,224.75
  - Pay Estimate 2 (12/04/2023): \$263,500.00
  - Pay Estimate 3 (01/09/2024): \$633,495.35
  - Pay Estimate 4 (02/09/2024): \$226,000.00
  - Pay Estimate 5 (03/08/2024): \$542,470.67
  - Pay Estimate 6 (04/10/2024): \$647,003.15
  - Pay Estimate 7 (05/09/2024): \$288,884.25
  - Pay Estimate 8 (06/10/2024): \$246,724.55
  - Pay Estimate 9 (07/09/2024): \$1,022,570.72
  - Pay Estimate 10 (08/08/2024): \$1,140,281.39
  - Pay Estimate 11 (09/10/2024): \$1,738,065.01
  - Pay Estimate 12 (10/10/2024): \$355,431.19
  - Pay Estimate 13 (11/05/2024): \$144,775.00

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Pay Estimate 14 (12/03/2024): \$145,264.72

Pay Estimate 15 (01/08/2025): \$0.00

Pay Estimate 16 (07/07/2025): \$505,459.22

Total paid by MWRD to date (08/06/2025) is \$7,945,942.45 (\$8,364,149.97 (billed)-418,207.52(retainage)).

▪ Project Cost Summary (as of 06/07/2025)

Original Construction Budget:	\$ 9,375,745.00
Original Contingency	\$ 468,797.25
Approved Construction Budget Changes:	\$ 101,101.72
Approved Contingency Changes	\$ (314,878.30)
Current Approved Budget	\$ 9,476,846.72
Current Contingency	\$ 153,908.95
Pending Change Orders	\$ 0.00

♦ Potential Future Change Orders

- COR-7/RFP-4: Due to field conditions, certain pools were eliminated, quantities estimated in the Cost Proposal for Unit Price items required updating, and additional plant plugs were added to the project. COR-7/RFP-4 includes the following items:
  - Reduce the quantity of Cost Proposal H (Installation of additional CA-1 Aggregate) by 267 tons (\$130/ton).
  - Reduce the quantity of Cost Proposal I (Installation of additional FA-2 Aggregate) by 133 tons (\$130/ton).
  - Increase the quantity of Cost Proposal J (Installation of additional 6"-8" cobble) by 355 tons (\$230/ton).
  - Increase the quantity of Cost Proposal K (Installation of additional 8" - 16" Boulders) by 355 tons (\$230/ton).
  - Reduce the quantity of Cost Proposal L (Installation of additional 24" - 36" Boulders) by 400 tons (\$280/ton).
  - Eliminate Pools #2, #3, and #5. Deleted scope includes soil erosion and sediment control during pool excavation, excavation, hauling, and offsite disposal.
  - Increase the quantity of Cost Proposal F (Installation of plant plugs for riparian wetland conversion and riparian wetland enhancement) by 15,600 plant plugs (\$8.40/plug).

It is estimated that the change order will result in a credit to the contract of \$156,995.93. This COR/RFP is still in the MWRD review process and should be completed soon.

- **National Register of Historic Places Nomination** – A contract with McGuire Igleski and Associates (MIA), for a not-to-exceed cost of \$13,400, was signed on December 3, 2023.

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Field work for the nomination was conducted by MIA on December 11, 2023. A draft of the nomination was received on August 1, 2025. MIA hopes to present the nomination to the October IHSAC meeting. This process should be completed by December 2025.

- **Chicago Wilderness Force of Nature Award** – TCF submitted a nomination to nominate the DRSCW and the Fullersburg Woods Dam Removal and Stream Restoration Project to the CW for the Force of Nature Award. The FPDDC and MWRDGC were recognized as project partners.
- **Post-Project Monitoring**
  - **2025 Post-Post Project Monitoring** – Year 1 of Post-Project Monitoring will be coordinated with the Salt Creek Bioassessment. The first pass of fish sampling was conducted on July 28, 2025. Eight species only previously located below the dam were found with the project footprint (and above the dam's former location); northern pike, honeyhead chub, emerald shiner, blackside darter, smallmouth bass, log perch, central stoneroller, and rosyface shiner. Additionally, large populations of spotted suckers were found. A second pass of fish sampling will be completed later this summer/fall and macroinvertebrate sampling will be scheduled soon.
  - **Press Releases**
    - The FPDDC released a press release and video on the fish sampling results.  
[https://www.dupageforest.org/what-we-do/news/news-releases/salt-creek-fish-survey?fbclid=IwY2xjawMJxFBleHRuA2FlbQlXMAbIcmlkETFPY0dBdEpHSVN4cGU1MW9SAR6z5J-hJTdm6BmbypX8WGCotz8HmLjE3QlsrfM\\_kziM0HEYAGV2eZewl50rlw\\_aem\\_qSZqvPmYd-Dn5-i4nhjaEQ](https://www.dupageforest.org/what-we-do/news/news-releases/salt-creek-fish-survey?fbclid=IwY2xjawMJxFBleHRuA2FlbQlXMAbIcmlkETFPY0dBdEpHSVN4cGU1MW9SAR6z5J-hJTdm6BmbypX8WGCotz8HmLjE3QlsrfM_kziM0HEYAGV2eZewl50rlw_aem_qSZqvPmYd-Dn5-i4nhjaEQ) and  
<https://www.facebook.com/DuPageForest/videos/2031658340919446>
    - MWRD has also released a press release on the fish sampling results:  
[https://mwrld.org/news/fish-return-salt-creek-after-graue-mill-dam-removal-forest-preserve-district-dupage-county?fbclid=IwY2xjawMQV1xleHRuA2FlbQlXMAbIcmlkETFR21rWEIdmlrTUxkMk5OAR7AF-9643WN9WgxVRrqMpfHxKX96wXCMm\\_NQOtHyFXZs-J\\_rfB56QURdPBYOQ\\_aem\\_h6XU4Y3QnvMitDETL-L-qQ](https://mwrld.org/news/fish-return-salt-creek-after-graue-mill-dam-removal-forest-preserve-district-dupage-county?fbclid=IwY2xjawMQV1xleHRuA2FlbQlXMAbIcmlkETFR21rWEIdmlrTUxkMk5OAR7AF-9643WN9WgxVRrqMpfHxKX96wXCMm_NQOtHyFXZs-J_rfB56QURdPBYOQ_aem_h6XU4Y3QnvMitDETL-L-qQ)
  - **Flow Sampling of Riffles and Pools** – Staff collected transects (flow and depth) of the completed riffles. In addition, transects of the proposed pool locations have also been collected. The transects of the proposed pool locations have shown that pools already exist at Pools 3, 4, and 8.
  - **Aileron** – At the prompting of the Board, Staff will reach out to Aileron to seek input on the options and timing for Post-Project survey options to see if public opinion on the project has changed now that the project has been constructed. Proposed timeline for this survey work is late 2025.
  - **RestoreSaltCreek.org** – As substantial completion has been met, the DRSCW maintained project website at RestoreSaltCreek.org has been removed and archived.

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**Spring Brook Phase II**

- **2025 Post-Project Monitoring** -- 2025 will be Year 5 of the Post-Project monitoring for Spring Brook Phase 2. A contract with MBI not to exceed \$14,280 for the post-project monitoring has been signed. The majority of the fish sampling was conducted on August 1, 2025. Two of the sites could not be sampled due to a gas leak caused by the construction at Phase 3. Macroinvertebrate sampling has yet to be scheduled.
- **Springbrook Phase 3 (FPDDC)** – The FPDDC has received the ACOE 404 permit for the Phase 3 of the Springbrook Restoration (from the downstream end of Phase II to the confluence of the West Branch of the DuPage River). The project includes the replacement of the bridge and riparian, instream and streambank enhancement. Construction on the project started in late July 2025. The DRSCW will investigate a future post-project monitoring strategy for Phase 3.

**Lower East Branch Stream Enhancement Project**

- **Conceptual Design Report** - The Final Conceptual Design Report, for the Lower East Branch DuPage River Stream Restoration Project, has been delivered by Interfluve. The report has been forwarded to the stakeholder group and the Projects Committee.
  - ComEd – Staff and Interfluve presented the Conceptual Design virtually to Com-Ed's Realty Department on September 26, 2023. Feedback from the Realty Department was positive but additional input was required from other ComEd departments before they could commit to the project. Staff made additional contacts with ComEd staff at the WWM conference in May 2025 and will follow up with them to see if they can help facilitate communications within ComEd on the project. Staff had a meeting on July 28, 2025 with A. Flansburg with Stantec who works with ComEd to discuss the project and see how Stantec can assist the DRSCW with communication with ComEd. A second follow-up meeting with A. Flansburg, DRSCW staff and ComEd's Realty and Environmental Divisions staff to discuss the project was held on August 7, 2025. Staff was given some guidance on ComEd's requirements in regards to the high voltage power lines and other ComEd structures located within the potential project site such as no grading underneath high voltage power lines and no grading within 15 feet of any ComEd structure (towers, poles, etc.). While ComEd cannot provide official approve to the project without final engineering, once the Transmission Engineer has an opportunity to review the concept plans, they hope to issue a letter of no objection to the general project concept at which point staff would feel comfortable proceeding with the final project design.
  - **ComEd Environmental Due Diligence Form** – In October 2023 ComEd requested additional information on the project via their Environmental Due Diligence Form which staff provided in November. It was supplied again in mid-January, following a



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request from our ComEd contact. It has now been sent to additional staff at ComEd for their feedback and input on the project.

- **Funding under ACOE Section 206** – The Lower East Branch Stream Restoration Project was submitted to the ACOE for consideration for funding under the Section 206 Aquatic Restoration Program. Per email communications with Frank Veraldi of the ACOE, Reaches 2-4 of the project have been included in the list of projects to be funded. The 206 program provides the following funding: up to \$10,000 for the preparation of a Federal Interest Determination Document, up to \$400,000 for a Project Feasibility Study, and up to \$15 million for Design and Implementation. All monies require a 35% match; cash, land costs, and in-kind services can be used as match. It is not expected that any Federal monies for the project will be available in the next few years so staff will proceed with project design using the existing DRSCW budget.
  - **Letters of Support** – At the suggestion of staff at the ACOE, a letter of support for funding the project by Section 206 has been obtained from US Representative Bill Foster and forwarded to the ACOE. A second letter from Representative Foster has also been forwarded to David Bucaro, Chief of the Planning Branch at the Chicago District ACOE supporting the funding of the project (sent along with conceptual plan at beginning of this week). Thanks to FPDDC President Dan Hebreard for assisting with this item.
- **Schedule Update** – Staff met with Interfluve on August 15, 2025 to re-start the design work on the project. Interfluve is reviewing their existing scope of work and fees and will be submitting a revised proposal to the DRSCW to continue the work.
- **2024 and 2025 Pre-Project Monitoring** – No pre-project monitoring at the Lower East Branch Stream Enhancement Project was conducted in 2024 nor is scheduled for 2025.

**Klein Creek Streambank Stabilization Project (Southern West Branch in permit)**

- **Construction Progress Update** – Construction of the DRSCW section is complete. Weed control/vegetation management is ongoing. Supplemental plug planting was completed. An Eagle Scout is building a pergola near the trail the Carol Stream WWTP within the project footprint.
  - **Payment** – Payments totaling \$1,100,000 have been made to Carol Stream for the Project (Total of Grant).
- **2025 Post-Project Monitoring** – A contract for \$14,270 for the 2025 post-project biological and habitat sampling at the Klein Creek Streambank Stabilization Project has been signed. Fish sampling is scheduled for second pass fish sampling and macroinvertebrate sampling will be schedule soon.

**6. Physical Project Update (Not Yet Started)**

- **West Branch Floating Project** – West Branch Restoration Project completion date in the permit is December 31, 2028. Short term objective is to improve aquatic habitat (QHEI)

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and reduce inputs of nutrients and sediment. Long term objective is to raise mIBI and fIBI.

- **Project Matrix** – This matrix has been developed for ranking future projects for possible funding via the Special Condition or NIP funds. The draft Matrix was presented to the Projects Committee at their July 9, 2025 virtual meeting. After some minor updates to the database, the database will be shared with the Projects Committee via email. After a review period, an in-person Projects Committee meeting will be scheduled to select projects to be included in the NIP Implementation Plan.
  - Monies for studies – In addition to the funding of the physical projects, monies generated from the Special Conditions assessments will also be allocated to fund future studies. Potential future studies may include: a fish propagation feasibility analysis, water quality standards review/TALU for aquatic life, additional modeling runs to help with TP effluent limit implementation at the WWTPs (“trading”), and a NIP update.
    - ◆ **Tiered Aquatic Life Uses (TALU)** – In recommendation D of the DRSCW/LDRWC NIP, the workgroups propose to explore the refinement of biological endpoints (mIBIs and fIBIs) for Illinois urban areas. It further states that the DRSCW and LDRWC would work with IEPA and stakeholders to review if the current General Use standards are suitable for use in urban watersheds. Staff will begin drafting a scope of work for this study when permit negotiations are complete and the NIP recommendations are included WWTP permits.
- **Other projects** – The Illinois Tollway and Brookfield Zoo has contacted staff for data on potential projects. Contacts are ongoing.

## **7. Nutrient Implementation Plan**

- **NIP** – The NIP was submitted to the IEPA on December 29, 2023 and has been posted to the DRSCW website at <https://drscw.org/activities/project-identification-and-prioritization-system/> and the LDRWC at <https://ldpwatersheds.org/about-us/lower-dupage-river-watershed-coalition/our-work/narp/>
- **Ongoing Discussions on the NIP**
  - IEPA has released pre-public permits for four NARPS, including the DRSCW and LDRWC NIP.
  - To date the Sierra Club (SC), Prairie Rivers Network (PRN), Environmental Law and Policy Center (ELPC), and Mississippi River Collaborative (MRC) have issued three sets of comments on the NIP. The first were general comments on all NARPs, the second were NIP specific (ostensibly a reply to our response to their general letter) and the last were specific to our proposed NIP permit language (see bullet below). A response to all three sets of comments has been submitted.  
NIP Permit specific comments - the DRSCW has obtained comments submitted by the SC, PRN, ELPC, and MRC to the IEPA dated April 4, 2025. Once obtained, both

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documents were forwarded to the DRSCW/LDRWC Negotiations Team. These comments were in two documents (back ground and comments). In these comments, the EAGs advocate for IEPA to issue a Time Limited water quality standard (TLWQS) (aka a variance) for dissolved oxygen (DO) and that each workgroup be given additional time to identify a TP limit that will prevent TP from causing violations of the DO standard and limit nuisance algae growth. Staff has drafted comments to both the December 2024 and April 2025 EAG comment letters and submitted the response via email to the IEPA on June 10, 2025. On June 23, 2025, staff submitted a response letter to the third set of comments (dated April 4, 2025) submitted by the EAGs to the IEPA which focused on the draft permit language.

The IEPA had a meeting with A. Ettinger on 06/24/2025 to discuss a path forward with the DRSCW permits (along with the other 3 draft permits). Staff has reiterated with the IEPA that the DRSCW does not want to negotiate on the language included in the draft permit.

S. McCracken communicated with A. Ettinger via email and a phone call in late July 2025. There is no change in A. Ettinger's stance on how the IEPA should proceed in future permit conditions and he is advocating for the IEPA to issue a TLWQS for DO.

Staff drafted a letter template that was sent via email on August 7, 2025 to nine Special Condition holders whose current permit will not expire before they would need to start taking measures to meet a 1 mg/L TP limit. The letter template can be used to send a letter to the IEPA asking for the member's permit to be reopened and include the NIP recommendations.

Staff will calculate an estimate of the WTPP design costs to reach a TP effluent limit of 1 mg/L that are estimated to be spent in 2025-26. This number along with the total of 2026 project assessments dollars will be shared with the IEPA to demonstrate the amount of dollars that will be spent and/or not spent on in-stream improvements if the NIP language is not integrated into DRSCW permits in the immediate future.

Staff is working on a non-technical article on additional costs of NIP implementation such as those associated with chemical treatment (mining, transportation, sludge disposal, energy costs, etc.).

- **F. Andes** – The DRSCW had a \$3,000 contract with F. Andes in 2024 that was paid out in November 2024 at \$3,757.50. F. Andes continued to work for the DRSCW including

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reviewing the EAG response letter. The Executive Board has approved a contract extension not to exceed \$6,000 to cover the additional review work performed by F. Andes.

- **Acknowledgment of NIP Submittal by DRSCW Members** – All DRSCW agencies signed onto the NIP and were included in the submittal to the IEPA on December 29, 2023.
- **QUAL Model Update** – This item has been incorporated into the NIP.
  - **Final Reports** – The final reports including the watershed specific model setup/calibration/validation reports and the scenario report have been provided to staff for final review.
  - LDRWC has agreed to reimburse the DRSCW for one quarter (\$2,690) of the most recent contract extension with TetraTech as the scope of services (completion of the modeling reports and assistance with the NIP response letters) was beneficial to LDRWC special condition permit holders and related to the LDWRC work.
- **IPS Tool Update**
  - Final Report – The final report is complete and has been posted on the website at: <https://drscw.org/activities/stressors-analysis/>
  - Power BI Training – Staff has received an updated cost proposal for Power BI training from MBI and the training is tentatively scheduled for early 2026. Staff will look into other potential vendors to develop and finalize the Power BI database once MBI QA/QCs the data.
  - Level of Rigor Analysis – No update at this time.
- **Additional NIP Tasks**
  - Development of Relationships and Thresholds for Continuous DO variables, nutrients, and biological Attributes in NE Illinois IPS – Report has been finalized and placed on website.
- **Trading Analysis**
  - Point Source (PS) to PS Trading – No update.
  - Stream Crediting Trading – No update.
  - USEPA National Water Quality Trading Policy – No update.
- **Related to Nutrient Trading** – As they are completed, please submit PDOPs and FSs to DRSCW staff.

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- **NSAC Update** – The NSAC recommendations are not foreseen as being on the IPCB agenda for rulemaking in 2022.
- **Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (NLRS)** – The 2025 NLRS Conference is scheduled for November 5, 2025 in Springfield, Illinois
  - The DRSCW submitted their update for IL NLRS Biennial Report.
- **Other NARPs (NIPS)** – Per the IEPA, 27 NARPs were submitted by 12/31/2023 representing 22 individual facilities and 5 watershed groups. Eight (8) facilities failed to submit their NARPs by their required deadline (12/31/2023). An additional 41 NARPs were submitted at the end of 2024. Eleven (11) additional NARPs were due in 2024 but not submitted. In addition to the DRSCW permits, the IEPA is working on issuing updating permits that incorporate NARP language into the permits of one other watershed group and 2 individual facilities.
  - **IEPA NIP Website** – All of the submitted NARPs including FRIPs, NIPs, and PARPs have been placed by the IEPA on the following website: <https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/water-quality/watershed-management/narps.html>
    - EAG or Other Comments on NARPs – Staff have asked that if the IEPA receives any comments on the DRSCW/LDRWC NIP, that the comments be provided directly to the DRSCW/LDRWC.
  - **Other Permits with NARP Language** – IAWA has received the IEPA draft NARP/NIP permit language for the DRSCW, Fox River Study Group and two individual WWTPs – Kishwaukee and Kankakee. Based on discussions at IAWA, Kankakee will be asking the IEPA for the the NARP language to be removed from their future permits because the downstream instream TP concentration is already below the recommended NSAC target for TP; and there is no listed impairment. Kishwaukee will also be asking for the NARP language to be removed from their future permits. IAWA has provided written comments on this draft language to the IEPA (5/28/2025). The comments will also be shared with the EAGs. The IAWA comment letter dated 5/28/2025 has been shared with the Negotiations Team and staff forwarded the IAWA comment letter to the Executive Board. IAWA met with IEPA in early July, and IEPA indicated that they expect to issue pre-public notice drafts to the permittees soon.
    - ♦ Des Plaines River Watershed Workgroup (DRWW) – The DRWW and their consultant, Geosyntec, are working on a response to comments received from the EAGs on their NARP.

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- 7. Springfield Regulatory and Legislative Updates** – Communication with the IEPA staff has been ongoing via email and phone regarding the incorporation of the NIP recommendations into NPDES permits. See Section 6 for more details.

**NON-SPECIAL CONDITION PERMIT ACTIVITIES**

- **East Branch Bioassessment**
  - 2019 Bioassessment – Report is finalized.
  - 2023 Bioassessment – All field data for the 2023 bioassessment has been completed. MBI is working on preparing the necessary data for the 2023 East Branch bioassessment that is included in the DRSCW's 2023-24 MS4 Activities report. Requests for discharge data from 2020-2023 have been sent to all East Branch DuPage River POTWs. Thank you to all who have submitted data.
- **West Branch Bioassessment** – The final 2020 West Branch Bioassessment Report has been received from MBI and posted to website.
- **Salt Creek Bioassessment** – 2021 Draft report is under review by staff.
  - 2025 Bioassessment – Water chemistry sampling for the 2025 Salt Creek bioassessment has started. Fish sampling started in early July 2025 and the majority of the first pass of fish sampling has been completed. Macroinvertebrate sampling will be scheduled soon. Expanded DO sampling is on-going. Fecal coliform sampling has been completed.
- **Other Monitoring**
  - **Mixing Zones/Mussel Surveys** – If a POTW is utilizing a mixing zone, they will likely be asked to conduct a mussel survey at the time of their next permit renewal. This is because the IEPA is re-evaluating all mixing zones under the 302.102 (a) and 302.102 (b) 1-12 criteria. Criteria 302.102 (b) 4 states "Mixing is not allowed in waters containing mussel beds; endangered species habitat; fish spawning areas; areas of important aquatic life habitat; or any other natural features vital to the well-being of aquatic life in a manner that maintaining aquatic life in the body of water as a whole would be adversely affected." The IEPA does not currently have a definition for mussel beds but S. Twait noted that the US FWS does. He did state that the IEPA will decide on a case-by-case basis once a survey is conducted and the presence of mussels alone does not mean that a mixing zone will not be allowed.
    - **Mixing Zone Survey** – A. Underwood had a discussion with S. Twait (IEPA Standards) about how prevalent the mussel survey requirement will be during permit renewals and he indicated that it may not be needed for many permit renewals. In order to get a better idea on how many DRSCW permittees need to conduct a mussel survey, staff will be working to verify ammonia permit limits in all Member permits to determine if any members do not have a 1.0/4.0 mg/L Ammonia limit. Additionally, staff will ask the IEPA for the ammonia water quality at each of the IEPA monitoring stations within DRSCW/LDRWC stations.

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With these two pieces of information, staff will be able to generate a list of permittees that may need to conduct a mussel survey at the time of their permit renewal. Staff will also investigate the feasibility of conducting a watershed-wide mussel survey. Both site specific compliance surveys for mixing zones and a more comprehensive watershed survey (similar to our bioassessment for macros and fish) will be considered.

- **New Sonde Purchase** - A team made up of County Stormwater, MWRD, MBI and DRSCW staff have selected to purchase the new sondes from Eureka. An order for the new sondes has been placed with Eureka and the sondes are expected to arrive in August 2025. MBI is also ordering two sondes as part of the packet.

## **8. Chlorides**

- **Workshops** – Registration information will be sent out in August for the Fall 2025 workshops. Public Roads – In-Person: Sept. 16, Sept. 23 and Sept. 30; Public Roads – Virtual: Sept. 25, Oct. 7, Nov. 12. Parking Lots & Sidewalks - All Virtual: Oct. 2, Oct. 14, and Nov. 13. In addition, the Calibration Workshops for Force America equipment will be held on Nov. 4 (Lake County), Nov. 5 (Cook County DOT), and Nov. 6 (DuPage DOT).
- **Get a Grip Workshop** was held on 5/29/2025 and attended by 6 DRSCW members. Workshop was with NIRA Dynamics on their friction mapping software. Thanks to ACDC Addison for hosting.
- **Salt Management Questionnaire** – The questionnaire has been updated based on feedback from the Chloride Committee and has gone back out for final review.
- **BMP and Loading analysis** – The final report is under review.
- **SB2138 (liability for contractors)** – No update.
- **Salt Smart Collaborative**– J. Hammer and S. McCracken are members of the Salt Smart Collaborative Steering Committee. All Salt Smart Collaborative information can be found at [SaltSmart.org](http://SaltSmart.org)
  - FY24 319 Grant – The Salt Smart Collaborative/TCF applied for a Section 319 Grant to expand training, technical and education/outreach resources for communities, agencies and private contractors to further chloride reduction efforts across NE Illinois.
- **Winter Chloride Watchers** – Through the RiverWatch, SaltSmart Collaborative, CAWS, McHenry County, and DC SWM, TCF is coordinating the Winter Chloride Watchers which is a volunteer monitoring effort for chloride monitoring.
- **Time Limited Water Quality Standard (TLWQS) for Chlorides for the Chicago Area Waterway System (CAWS) and portion of the Lower Des Plaines** – No update.
- **ILR00 and Chlorides** – No update.
- **Street Sweeping data** – Data has been collected at Itasca, Wood Dale and Carol Stream. The data suggests that these villages are capturing 126 – 720 lbs per year of road salt.

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Analysis will have to be done to discern if this is significant or not in terms of season (spring/summer) and annual mass.

**9. Other Activities**

- **MS4 Permit Update** – On July 8, 2025, the IEPA released the updated the MS4 permit which became effective on August 1, 2025. The new permit can be found at: <https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/forms/water-permits/storm-water/ms4.html>. *DC SWM is scheduled to host a workshop on the new MS4 permit on October 2, 2025. The DRSCW will forward registration and information on the DC SWM workshop when it's available.*
- **DRSCW MS4 Activities Report** – A new DRSCW 2024-25 MS4 Activities report was emailed to all DRSCW members who hold a MS4 permit on May 9, 2025.
- **Newsletter** – Based on progress on the NIPs the new newsletter will be available summer 2025 and will report on the NIP permits and implementation.
- **Bacteria on Salt Creek** – No colonies were observed during summer 2025.
- **Hydrilla on Ginger Creek (Salt Creek watersheds)** – To date, four treatments of Sonar One have been applied in the watershed – April 23/24, 2025, May 20/21, 2025, June 23, 2025 and July 14, 2025. The fifth and final application is scheduled for August 20, 2025. Additionally, the DRSCW has collected four fastEST to document the concentrations of SonarOne in the watershed on May 9, 2025, June 6, 2025, July 11, 2025 and August 12, 2025. The sampling plan includes the collection of 6 locations (3 composite samples (Ginger and Briarwood Lakes and Lake Ed/Lake Ed) and 3 grab samples). The majority of the Sonar One has been purchased by IDNR using funds from the Hydrilla Task Force and applied by IDNR, IEPA, and FPDDC staff. However, an additional 80 lbs of SonarOne was purchased by the DRSCW in July 2025 (for a cost of \$3,086.60). McCloud Aquatics is also doing application on Oak Brook Park District property and being paid for by the DRSCW. To date the DRSCW has spent \$7,864.20 (of the \$10,000 approved budget). A plant survey of the Ginger Creek watershed is being planned for August 28, 2025.

**10. Business Items (new business)**

**Invoice Summary for Review – June 1, 2025 to July 31, 2025**

<b>Vendor/Project</b>	<b>Invoice Number</b>	<b>Amount (\$)</b>	<b>Status</b>
Barnes & Thornburg - NIP Legal Advice	3428032	5,340.00	Paid
Baxter & Woodman - 2025 CL Reduction	271059	1,258.00	Pending
Baxter & Woodman - 2025 CL Reduction	273203	286.00	Pending
ETP Labs - Salt Creek Fecal Coliform Sampling	4 invoices	1,225.00	Pending
Fehr Graham - Fawell	130952	1,503.50	Paid
Fehr Graham - Fawell	132352	1,895.75	Pending
Fehr Graham - Fawell	133132	8,885.25	Pending



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First Environmental Labs - Salt Creek Chemistry	7 invoices	17,685.50	Paid
First Environmental Labs - Salt Creek Chemistry	8 invoices	11,847.50	Approved
Hey & Assoc - Fullersburg Dam	20036	1,066.88	Paid
Hey & Assoc - Fullersburg Dam	20257	324.71	Paid
Lauterbach & Amen - Audit (Final billing)	106787	2,000.00	Paid
McCloud Aquatics - Hydrilla treatment	108357-1&2	900.00	Paid
McCloud Aquatics - Hydrilla treatment	108357-3	450.00	Approved
MBI - Klein Creek	2340	7,264.59	Pending
MBI - Spring Brook	2341	8,428.26	Pending
MBI - NARP Support	2353	7,130.62	Pending
Murray and Trettel - Snowfall data - 6 locations	0525-304	3,000.00	Paid
Ragas Media – Website Programming & Staging	July 2025 Invoice	480.00	Pending
TetraTech - QUAL2kw & NIP Support	52437512	16744.00	Paid
The Conservation Foundation	13606	4530.33	Pending

- **YTD Financial Reports (through July 31, 2025)** (Attachment 2)
  - Audit has been completed and posted on the DRSCW.org website.
  - Tax Return has been extended.
- **Membership Dues Payment Update (through August 20, 2025)** (Attachment 3).

**11. Presentation and Workshops**

- June 3, 2025– Tour of Fullersburg Woods Dam Removal and Stream Restoration Project, La Grange League of Women Voters and Salt Creek Watershed Network.
- June 13, 2025 – Tour of Fullersburg Woods Dam Removal and Stream Restoration Project, The Conservation Foundation Staff and Board Retreat.
- October 8, 2025 – Fox River Ecosystem Partnership (FREPP) Noon Network– field tour of Fullersburg Dam removal in Oakbrook, DuPage County. Hosts Erik Neidy, DuPage County Forest Preserve District, Deanna Doohaluk, Stephen McCracken, DuPage River/Salt Creek Work Group, Tim Pollowy, Hey and Associates, Inc.
- February 22-25, 2025 –Partnership for River Restoration and Science in the Upper Midwest (PRRSUM), Plenary Session, from. Stephen McCracken, DuPage River/Salt Creek Work Group
- Date Pending – Fullersburg Woods Dam Removal, presentation to the Village of Burr Ridge Board, Stephen McCracken, The Conservation Foundation.

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**12. Other Business**

**13. Future Meeting Schedule (location to be determined)**

August 27, 2025 from 9AM-11AM  
October 29, 2025 from 9AM-11AM  
December 3, 2025 from 9AM-12PM  
February 25, 2026 from 9AM-11AM  
April 29, 2026 from 9AM-11AM  
June 24, 2026 from 9AM-11AM  
August 26, 2026 from 9AM-11AM

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**Please note the meeting is in-person but will also be broadcast remotely. If you need the virtual option here is the Registration Link:**

**[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_xk1Js7mnQg-S6g4Z0LqHJA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xk1Js7mnQg-S6g4Z0LqHJA)**

*President A. Underwood called the meeting to order at 9:05am.*

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

- 2. Approval of the April 30, 2025 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes (Attachment 1).** *S. Zehner made a motion to approve the April 30, 2025 General Membership Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by D. Gorman. The motion passed unanimously.*

**3. Presentation Abstract: 2021 Salt Creek Bioassessment**

Study will review the results of the 2021 Biological and Water Quality study of the Salt Creek basin in DuPage and Cook Counties. The assessment included surveys of the basin's fish and macroinvertebrate assemblages, physical habitat, water column and sediment chemistry, and a review of the long-term dissolved oxygen and treatment plant discharge data. The presentation will look at long-term trends in chemistry, habitat and biology, how results compare to prior surveys in 2007, 2013, and 2016; it represents the final survey of the basin before the Graue Mill Dam was removed.

**Presenter: Ed Rankin, Senior Research Associate, Midwest Biodiversity Institute**

*This presentation has been approved by the IEPA as CEUs for the Wastewater Operator and Drinking Water Operator Certifications. The IEPA course number will be provided to all attendees via email following the meeting.*

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS PERMIT ACTIVITIES**

**4. Special Conditions Permit Administration**

- **2020/2025 Permit Negotiations** –Draft Special Condition (SC) Language that incorporated the NIP recommendations for the Wood Dale North and Elmhurst WWTP was received from the IEPA in early February 2025. The draft Naperville permit will follow once these are issued. The all the permits for the DRSCW and LDRWC will be amended. See Section 10 NIP for more information on this language and its status. MWRD plants (Egan and Hanover Park) would then be the only member permits to still have the original special conditions language (their current permits expire in 2026).
- **Additional NIP and Permit Materials** – See items in agenda 9 and 10 (Project Matrix and NIP materials)
  - PFAS Monitoring/PFAS Reduction Program Language – The draft Wood Dale North, Elmhurst, and Naperville permits include quarterly monitoring of the influent and

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effluent, and semi-annually monitoring of biosolids for 40 PFAS compounds using draft test method 1633. The draft permits also contain language for a PFAS Reduction Program that requires an Inventory and a PFAS Reduction Initiative for all facilities (based on listed SIC codes) that have the potential to discharge PFAS into the sanitary sewer.

- **Additional Permit Items**

- MWRD – Under DRSCW/ MWRD’s current Agreement, MWRD is (as well as bidding and managing the construction of the Master Plan for Salt Creek) providing \$6,010,012 in funding for the project. DRSCW is committed to reimburse MWRD for construction costs above MWRD’s funding total.

- **Annual Report** – The 2024-25 Annual Report was submitted to the IEPA on March 26, 2025 on behalf of all SC members. The report can be found at [https://drscw.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/2024-25\\_drscw-ldwrc\\_annualreport\\_03262025\\_compressed.pdf](https://drscw.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/2024-25_drscw-ldwrc_annualreport_03262025_compressed.pdf).

A copy of the email sent with the submission of the report has been forwarded to all SC holders. To date, the IEPA has not provided written confirmation of the report; however, return receipts have been marked as received and read.

## **5. Physical Projects (Ongoing)**

### **Fawell Dam Modification**

- **MOU** – The MOU for implementing the project was signed in October 2023 by the DRSCW, FPDDC, and DC SWM.
- **Extension Letter** – IEPA has authorized movement of the completion to December 31, 2025.
- **Design and Fabrication** – The design fabrication contract with BK Riverfish has been signed. Contract includes work already completed (design and permitting), development of shop drawings, oversight of fabrication, fabrication and materials, dry fitting, storage, delivery and supervision of installation of the ladder, and post project follow-up. The total not to exceed value of this contract is \$455,521. To date, one payment of \$140,353.13 has been made to BK Riverfish which covers work already completed (35 hours of Task 1 (\$7,342.13), all of Task 2 (\$93,769) and Task 3 (\$39,242)). The payment also includes \$7,240 (50% of the total costs) in upfront costs for the fabricator for preparation of shop drawings for the Fishway (Task 5). Weekly calls are being established between V3, the fabricator, BK and the DRSCW to discuss ongoing design issues. The first of these was held on March 25, 2025.
- **QA/QC on Ladder Fabrication 1** – Fehr-Graham was selected to complete a review of the shop drawings for the proposed Kynard Alternating Baffle Fish Passage to be installed at Fawell Dam (contract value \$20,000). The scope of work in the contract with Fehr-Graham includes: 1) Review the fabricator’s quality control plan and process and provide the DRSCW with their professional opinion on whether any Quality Assurance testing is warranted; 2) Identify any welding done during installation in the field and assist DRSCW staff in writing specifications for the upcoming construction and installation contract; and

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3) Confirm that the prescribed field assembly generally correlates with the civil drawings by V3. Fehr-Graham has issued several recommendations which have resulted in the increase in gauge of materials used in construction, use of sheer studs instead of tabs, a review of the top grate connection and design. Other recommendations including materials (Stainless Steel V hot dipped galvanized and replacing the steel “box” with concrete) were not adopted.

- **QA/QC on Ladder Fabrication 2** – An ongoing Friday call (starting on March 21, 2025) between V3, the fabricator (Triangle Metal Fab), BK Riverfish and DRSCW (Greg and staff) has been set up to finalize details. The designer (BK Riverfish) is now recommending that the upstream removable section (and wing wall section) be removed. V3 and DRSCW are collecting data (flow and depth at the culvert upstream lip) and more closely examining the gate operation to verify if this is viable. One visit has been completed and a second is to be done at higher flows if possible.
- **Project Permits**
  - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (US ACOE) Nationwide Permit (LRC-2024-169) – The application was submittal in March 2024 and the permit was received on September 25, 2024.
    - ♦ SHPO Review– SHPO have issued a signoff letter stating that the project does not rise to the level of an adverse impact on either the dam or the adjacent Preserve.
    - ♦ U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Section 7 Consultation – No Effect Determination received January 16, 2024
    - ♦ KDSCWD – Signoff on the SESC plan by the KDSWCD is a requirement of the US ACOE Nationwide Permit. A permit application and fee covering the SESC review was submitted to the KDSWCD by V3 in mid-September 2024. Signoff on the ESC Plans from KDSWCD was received on October 9, 2024.
  - DuPage County Stormwater Management Certification and Building Permit – The permit application was submitted in December 2024. The DC submittal will combine the components of the Corps submittal and IDNR-OWR dam modifications submittal. It also incorporated the MOU with DuPage County.
  - Illinois Department of Natural Resources
    - ♦ EcoCAT Request – Signoff received January 16, 2024
    - ♦ Major Modification of Existing Dam Permit – Application pending submission (Based on past discussions and the revised design, this permit may be combined with the Floodway Construction Permit). Plans were submitted to IDNR in December 2024 but confirmation has been received that they view the project as a Dam Modification as opposed to a Floodway Construction project
    - ♦ Floodway Construction Permit – A separate Floodway Construction Permit is not anticipated to be required based on IDNR feedback.
  - IEPA - As the project is under one acre of disturbance an IEPA ILR10 this item is not required.

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- **Next Steps**
  - Update design of upstream portion
  - Update Shop drawings to reflect change
  - Finalize IDNR permit
  - Approval of Shop Drawings
  - Projects Committee authorizes material purchase and fabrication
  - DC issues bid for ladder placement contract
  - Review needs for V3 contract covering installation assistance/oversight.
  - Fabrication of ladder is completed; sections are dry fitted and delivered onsite
  - Installation supervised by County with assistance from BK Riverfish
- **Project Monitoring – Pre-implementation survey** – The FPD carried out a survey of a 300 ft section downstream of the dam (riffle area). The survey found 14 total species, made up of 102 total individuals. This is meant to catalog fish species present at the ladder's first stage entrance/staging area below the dam.
- **Presentation to the FPDDC Board** – The FPDDC has requested a presentation to update the Board on the status of the project. E. Neidy recommended the presentation be added to a Fall 2025 FPPDC Board meeting agenda.

**Graue Mill Dam**

- **Project Schedule**
  - Final Engineering and Preparation of Contract Bid Documents – Completed September 2023. Final payment on the design/permitting contract has been made to Hey and Associates.
  - Construction – Substantial completion was met in December 2025. Vegetation and M&M ongoing.
    - Punch List – V3 and their subconsultants are working through punch list items. The motor on the waterwheel is being replaced by V3/FM due to the constant noise that the motor makes while running. V3 is drafting as-builts for the project and needs to complete additional field survey work before the as-builts can be completed.
    - Plantings – Perennial plant installation started the week of May 26, 2025. Approximately 22,500 plants were installed as of June 11, 2025.
    - Permit Related Activities—The final dam safety inspection was completed by the FPDDC on April 8, 2025 and accepted by IDNR-OWR Dam Safety on April 9, 2025. As-built plans for the site in the vicinity for the former dam will need to be submitted to IDNR once they are completed by V3 to close out the IDNR OWR dam removal permit.
    - Related FPDDC at the site – The Nature Center Parking lot, trails and entrance road were re-paved on May 12, 2025.
- Grand Opening – A grand opening ceremony is being coordinated with MWRDGC, FPDDC, and V3. It is scheduled for Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 11:00 am. The Executive Board

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selected D. Streicher to speak on behalf of the DRSCW at the grand opening. Staff has added representatives from the IEPA, Sierra Club, Village of Oak Brook, and DuPage County to the invite list for the grand opening ceremony. Other names to be included should be emailed to D. Doohaluk.

- MWRD/DRSCW Agreement – The DRSCW and MWRD Agreement that outlines MWRD’s commitment to bid and manage the construction of the Master Plan for Salt Creek.
- Payments – Total Paid by MWRDGC to date (01/08/2025): \$7,858,690.75 which includes
  - Pay Estimate 1 (11/08/2023): \$464,224.75
  - Pay Estimate 2 (12/04/2023): \$263,500.00
  - Pay Estimate 3 (01/09/2024): \$633,495.35
  - Pay Estimate 4 (02/09/2024): \$226,000.00
  - Pay Estimate 5 (03/08/2024): \$542,470.67
  - Pay Estimate 6 (04/10/2024): \$647,003.15
  - Pay Estimate 7 (05/09/2024): \$288,884.25
  - Pay Estimate 8 (06/10/2024): \$246,724.55
  - Pay Estimate 9 (07/09/2024): \$1,022,570.72
  - Pay Estimate 10 (08/08/2024): \$1,140,281.39
  - Pay Estimate 11 (09/10/2024): \$1,738,065.01
  - Pay Estimate 12 (10/10/2024): \$355,431.19
  - Pay Estimate 13 (11/05/2024): \$144,775.00
  - Pay Estimate 14 (12/03/2024): \$145,264.72
  - Pay Estimate 15 (01/08/2025): \$0.00

Payments are expected to resume in June/July 2025 as planting/M&M activities have started on site.

▪ Project Cost Summary (as of 06/07/2025)

Original Construction Budget:	\$ 9,375,745.00
Original Contingency	\$ 468,797.25
Approved Construction Budget Changes:	\$ 101,101.72
Approved Contingency Changes	\$ (314,878.30)
Current Approved Budget	\$ 9,476,846.72
Current Contingency	\$ 153,908.95
Pending Change Orders	\$ 0.00

♦ Potential Future Change Orders

- COR-7/RFP-4: Due to field conditions, certain pools were eliminated, quantities estimated in the Cost Proposal for Unit Price items required updating, and additional plant plugs were added to the project. COR-7/RFP-4 includes the following items:
  - Reduce the quantity of Cost Proposal H (Installation of additional CA-1 Aggregate) by 267 tons (\$130/ton).

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- Reduce the quantity of Cost Proposal I (Installation of additional FA-2 Aggregate) by 133 tons (\$130/ton).
- Increase the quantity of Cost Proposal J (Installation of additional 6"-8" cobble) by 355 tons (\$230/ton).
- Increase the quantity of Cost Proposal K (Installation of additional 8" - 16" Boulders) by 355 tons (\$230/ton).
- Reduce the quantity of Cost Proposal L (Installation of additional 24" - 36" Boulders) by 400 tons (\$280/ton).
- Eliminate Pools #2, #3, and #5. Deleted scope includes soil erosion and sediment control during pool excavation, excavation, hauling, and offsite disposal.
- Increase the quantity of Cost Proposal F (Installation of plant plugs for riparian wetland conversion and riparian wetland enhancement) by 15,600 plant plugs (\$8.40/plug).

It is estimated that the change order will result in a credit to the contract of \$156,995.93. This COR/RFP is still in the MWRD review process and should be completed soon.

- **National Register of Historic Places Nomination** – A contract with McGuire Igleski and Associates (MIA), for a not-to-exceed cost of \$13,400, was signed on December 3, 2023. Field work for the nomination was conducted by MIA on December 11, 2023.
- **Chicago Wilderness Force of Nature Award** – TCF will be leading the effort to nominate the DRSCW and the Fullersburg Woods Dam Removal and Stream Restoration Project for the CW Force of Nature Award. The FPDDC and MWRDGC will be recognized as project partners. TCF will coordinate with the FPDDC on the nomination process.
- **Post-Project Monitoring**
  - **2025 Post-Post Project Monitoring** – Year 1 of Post-Project Monitoring will be coordinated with the Salt Creek Bioassessment.
  - **Flow Sampling of Riffles and Pools** – Staff collected transects (flow and depth) of the completed riffles. In addition, transects of the proposed pool locations have also been collected. The transects of the proposed pool locations have shown that pools already exist at Pools 3, 4, and 8.
  - **Aileron** – At the prompting of the Board, Staff will reach out to Aileron to seek input on the options and timing for Post-Project survey options to see if public opinion on the project has changed now that the project has been constructed. Proposed timeline for this survey work is late 2025.
  - **RestoreSaltCreek.org** – As substantial completion has been met, the DRSCW maintained project website at RestoreSaltCreek.org has been removed and archived.



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**Spring Brook Phase II**

- **2025 Post-Project Monitoring** -- 2025 will be Year 5 of the Post-Project monitoring for Spring Brook Phase 2. A contract with MBI not to exceed \$14,280 for the post-project monitoring has been signed.
- **Springbrook Phase 3 (FPDDC)** – The FPDDC has received the ACOE 404 permit for the Phase 3 of the Springbrook Restoration (from the downstream end of Phase II to the confluence of the West Branch of the DuPage River). The DC SWM permit has also been received and bids have been received with a contract award expected soon. The project includes the replacement of the bridge and riparian, instream and streambank enhancement. The DRSCW will remain in communication with the FPDDC about the project progress with regard to pre/post project monitoring and potential cost share opportunities.

**Lower East Branch Stream Enhancement Project**

- **Conceptual Design Report** - The Final Conceptual Design Report, for the Lower East Branch DuPage River Stream Restoration Project, has been delivered by Interfluve. The report has been forwarded to the stakeholder group and the Projects Committee.
  - ComEd – Staff and Interfluve virtually presented the Conceptual Design to Com-Ed's Realty Department on September 26, 2023. Feedback from the Realty Department was positive but additional input was required from other ComEd departments before they could commit to the project. Staff made additional contacts with ComEd staff at the WWM conference in May 2025 and will follow up with them to see if they can help facilitate communications on the project. Several workgroup members are also working to move the project forward.
    - ComEd Environmental Due Diligence Form – In October 2023 an Environmental Due Diligence Form was submitted to ComEd at their request. It was resupplied mid-January. It has now been sent to additional staff at ComEd for their feedback and input on the project.
- **Funding under ACOE Section 206** – The Lower East Branch Stream Restoration Project was submitted to the ACOE for consideration for funding under the Section 206 Aquatic Restoration Program. Per email communications with Frank Veraldi of the ACOE, Reaches 2 & 4 of the project have been included in the list of projects to be funded. The 206 program provides the following funding: up to \$10,000 for the preparation of a Federal Interest Determination Document, up to \$400,000 for a Project Feasibility Study, and up to \$15 million for Design and Implementation. All monies require a 35% match; cash, land costs, and in-kind services can be used as match. Since it is uncertain that any Federal monies for the project will be available in the next few years staff will proceed with project design using the existing DRSCW budget.
  - **Letters of Support** – At the suggestion of staff at the ACOE, a letter of support for funding the project by Section 206 has been obtained from US Representative Bill Foster and forwarded to the ACOE. A second letter from Representative Foster has also been forwarded to David Bucaro, Chief of the Planning Branch at the Chicago District ACOE

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supporting the funding of the project (sent along with conceptual plan at beginning of this week). Thanks to FPDDC President Dan Hebreard for assisting with this item.

- **Schedule Update** – Staff met with Interfluve in February 2025 to discuss the next steps for the project and reactive the design work.
- **2024 and 2025 Pre-Project Monitoring** – No pre-project monitoring at the Lower East Branch Stream Enhancement Project was conducted in 2024 nor is scheduled for 2025.

**Klein Creek Streambank Stabilization Project (Southern West Branch in permit)**

- **Construction Progress Update** – Construction of the DRSCW section is complete. Weed control/vegetation management is ongoing. A vegetation management site walkthrough was conducted on June 20, 2025 and it was determined that a small amount of supplement plugs will be planted in 2025.
  - **Payment** – Payments totaling \$1,100,000 have been made to Carol Stream for the Project (Total of Grant).
- **2025 Post-Project Monitoring** – A contract for \$14,270 for the 2025 post-project biological and habitat sampling at the Klein Creek Streambank Stabilization Project has been signed.

**6. Physical Project Update (Not Yet Started)**

- **West Branch Floating Project** – West Branch Restoration Project completion date in the permit is December 31, 2028. Short term objective is to improve aquatic habitat (QHEI) and reduce inputs of nutrients and sediment. Long term objective is to raise mIBI and fIBI.
- **Project Matrix** – This matrix has been developed for ranking future projects for possible funding via the Special Condition or NIP funds. The draft Matrix was presented to the Projects Committee for their review at a 2021 meeting. Staff and the Projects Committee Chair have updated the matrix with priority projects that potentially could be included in the NIP Implementation Plan needed for negotiation of the next Special Condition (See Section 10). It is expected that a minimum of four projects need to be identified (two on West Branch, one each in the other two basins). The updated matrix has been shared with each of the Watershed Chairs and the Projects Committee Chair. The Committee Chairs met on November 7, 2024 with staff to discuss the information and its origins. The Committee Chairs have made recommendation on how to refine materials assembled by staff. Staff has made these updates and is in the process of presenting these changes to the Committee Chairs for sign-off. Once those updates are made and Committee Chairs agree that the materials can be released, they will be shared with the Projects Committee via email. A virtual meeting will be then scheduled with the Projects Committee to review the emailed materials. After a review period post-call, an in-person Projects Committee meeting will be scheduled to select projects to be included in the NIP Implementation Plan.
  - Monies for studies – In addition to the funding of the physical projects, monies generated from the Special Conditions assessments will also be allocated to fund

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future studies. Potential future studies may include: a fish propagation feasibility analysis, water quality standards review/TALU for aquatic life, additional modeling runs to help with TP effluent limit implementation at the WWTPs (“trading”), and a NIP update.

- ♦ **Tiered Aquatic Life Uses (TALU)** – In recommendation D of the DRSCW/LDRWC NIP, the workgroups propose to explore the refinement of biological endpoints (mIBIs and fIBIs) for Illinois urban areas. It further states that the DRSCW and LDRWC would work with IEPA and stakeholders to review if the current General Use standards are suitable for use in urban watersheds. Staff will begin drafting a scope of work for this study when permit negotiations are complete and the NIP recommendations are included WWTP permits.
- **Other projects** – The Illinois Tollway and Brookfield Zoo has contacted staff for data on potential projects. Contacts are ongoing.

## **7. Nutrient Implementation Plan**

- **NIP** – The NIP was submitted to the IEPA on December 29, 2023 and has been posted to the DRSCW website at <https://drscw.org/activities/project-identification-and-prioritization-system/> and the LDRWC at <https://ldpwatersheds.org/about-us/lower-dupage-river-watershed-coalition/our-work/narp/>
- **Ongoing Discussions on the NIP**
  - IEPA has released pre-public permits for four NARPS, including the DRSCW and LDRWC NIP.
  - To date the Sierra Club (SC), Prairie Rivers Network (PRN), Environmental Law and Policy Center (ELPC), and Mississippi River Collaborative (MRC) have issued three sets of comments on the NIP. The first were general comments on the NARPs, the second were NIP specific (ostensibly a reply to our response to their general letter) and the last were specific to our proposed NIP permit language (see bullet below). A response to their general comments has been submitted.

NIP Permit specific comments - the DRSCW has obtained comments submitted by the SC, PRN, ELPC, and MRC to the IEPA dated April 4, 2025. Once obtained both documents were forwarded to the DRSCW/LDRWC Negotiations Team. These comments were in two documents (background and comments). In these comments, the EAGs advocate for IEPA to issue a Time Limited water quality standard (aka a variance) for dissolved oxygen (DO) and that each workgroup be given additional time to identify a TP limit that will prevent TP from causing violations of the DO standard and limit nuisance algae growth. The EAGs comments have been provided to the Negotiations Team for review and MWRD has provided a response. Staff has drafted comments to both the December 2024 and April 2025 EAG comment letters and submitted the response via email to the IEPA on June 10, 2025. *On June 23, 2025, staff submitted a response letter to the third set of*

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*comments (dated April 4, 2025) submitted by the EAGs to the IEPA which focused on the draft permit language.*

The IEPA has a meeting planned with A. Ettinger on 06/24/2025 to discuss a path forward with the DRSCW permits (along with the other 3 draft permits). Staff has reiterated with the IEPA that the DRSCW does not want to negotiate on the language included in the draft permit.

Staff is working on a non-technical article on additional costs of NIP implementation such those associated with chemical treatment (mining, transportation, sludge disposal, energy costs, etc.). This article will be shared with the Sierra Club.

- **F. Andes** – The DRSCW had a \$3,000 contract with F. Andes in 2024 that was paid out in November 2024 at \$3,757.50. F. Andes continued to work on DRSCW work including reviewing the EAG response letter. The Executive Board has approved a contract extension not to exceed \$6,000 to cover the additional review work preformed by F. Andes.
- **Acknowledgment of NIP Submittal by DRSCW Members** – All DRSCW agencies signed onto the NIP and were included in the submittal to the IEPA on December 29, 2023.
- **QUAL Model Update** – This item has been incorporated into the NIP.
  - **Final Reports** – The final reports including the watershed specific model setup/calibration/validation reports and the scenario report have been provided to staff for final review.
  - LDRWC has agreed to reimburse the DRSCW for ¼ of the most recent contract extension (\$2,690) with TetraTech as the scope of services (completion of the modeling reports and assistance with the NIP response letters) are beneficial to LDRWC special condition permit holders and related to the LDRWC work.
- **Non-Point Source Phosphorus Feasibility Analysis** – This item has been incorporated into the NIP. See discussion above on the NIP.
- **IPS Tool Update**
  - **Final Report** – The final report is complete and has been posted on the website at: <https://drscw.org/activities/stressors-analysis/>
  - The updated IPS methodology and Peer Review was presented to the Projects Committee on May 15, 2020. A recording on the presentation is available on the DRSCW YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ueg38jsi-gE&feature=youtu.be>
  - **Power BI Training** – Staff is currently re-negotiating this with MBI. Lake County will also be participating. Training was postponed due to the principle trainer being ill.

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- Level of Rigor Analysis – No update at this time.
- **Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (NLRS)** – The 2025 NLRS Conference is scheduled for November 5, 2025 in Springfield, Illinois
  - The DRSCW is drafting their update for the IL NLRS Biennial Report.
- **Other NARPs (NIPS)** – The Fox River Study Group submitted the Fox River Implementation Plan (FRIP) to the IEPA in December 2022. Numerous NARPs, including those of the DRWW, NBWW, CAWCW, etc., were submitted to the IEPA on December 31, 2023. Per the IEPA, 25 NARPs were submitted by 12/31/2023 representing 20 individual facilities and 5 watershed groups. Seven (7) facilities failed to submit their NARPs by their required deadline (12/31/2023). An additional 40 NARPs were to be submitted by the end of 2024.
  - **IEPA NIP Website** – All of the submitted NARPs including FRIPs, NIPs, and PARPs have been placed by the IEPA on the following website: <https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/water-quality/watershed-management/narps.html>
  - **Other Permits with NARP Language** – IAWA has received the IEPA draft NARP/NIP permit language for the DRSCW, Fox River Study Group and two individual WWTPs – Kishwaukee and Kankakee. Based on discussions at IAWA, Kankakee will be asking the IEPA for the NARP language to be removed from their future permits because the downstream instream TP concentration is already below the recommended NSAC target for TP; and there is no listed impairment. Kishwaukee will also be asking for the NARP language to be removed from their future permits. IAWA has provided written comments on this draft language to the IEPA (5/28/2025). The comments will also be shared with the EAGs. The IAWA comment letter dated 5/28/2025 has been shared with the Negotiations Team and staff will forward the IAWA comment letter to the Executive Board.
    - ◆ Des Plaines River Watershed Workgroup (DRWW) – The DRWW and their consultant, Geosyntec, are working on a response to comments received from the EAGs on their NARP.
- 8. **Springfield Regulatory and Legislative Updates** – No update. Meetings with the IEPA and other parties will be scheduled as needed as permit negotiations (See Section 7.0) progress.

**NON-SPECIAL CONDITION PERMIT ACTIVITIES**

- **East Branch Bioassessment**
  - 2019 Bioassessment – Report is finalized.
  - 2023 Bioassessment – All field data for the 2023 bioassessment has been completed. MBI is working on preparing the necessary data for the 2023 East Branch

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bioassessment that is included in the DRSCW's 2023-24 MS4 Activities report. Requests for discharge data from 2020-2023 have been sent to all East Branch DuPage River POTWs. Thank you to all who have submitted data.

- **West Branch Bioassessment** – The final 2020 West Branch Bioassessment Report has been received from MBI and posted to website.
- **Salt Creek Bioassessment** – 2021 Draft report is under development (data on principal outputs has already been supplied).
  - 2025 Bioassessment – Water chemistry sampling for the 2025 Salt Creek bioassessment began the week of June 2, 2025. Fish sampling is tentatively scheduled for the end of July 2025.
- **Other Monitoring**
  - **Mixing Zones/Mussel Surveys** – If a POTW is utilizing a mixing zone, they will likely be asked to conduct a mussel survey at the time of their next permit renewal. This is because the IEPA is re-evaluating all mixing zones under the 302.102 (a) and 302.102 (b) 1-12 criteria. Criteria 302.102 (b) 4 states “Mixing is not allowed in waters containing mussel beds; endangered species habitat; fish spawning areas; areas of important aquatic life habitat; or any other natural features vital to the well-being of aquatic life in a manner that maintaining aquatic life in the body of water as a whole would be adversely affected.” The IEPA does not currently have a definition for mussel beds but S. Twait noted that the US FWS does. He did state that the IEPA will decide on a case-by-case basis once a survey is conducted and the presence of mussels alone does not mean that a mixing zone will not be allowed.
    - **Mixing Zone Survey** – A. Underwood had a discussion with S. Twait (IEPA Standards) about how prevalent the mussel survey requirement will be during permit renewals and he indicated that it may not be needed for many permit renewals. In order to get a better idea on how many DRSCW permittees need to conduct a mussel survey, staff will be working to verify ammonia permit limits in all Member permits to determine if any members do not have a 1.0/4.0 mg/L Ammonia limit. Additionally, staff will ask the IEPA for the ammonia water quality at each of the IEPA monitoring stations within DRSCW/LDRWC stations. With these two pieces of information, staff will be able to generate a list of permittees that may need to conduct a mussel survey at the time of their permit renewal. Staff will also investigate the feasibility of conducting a watershed-wide mussel survey. Both site specific compliance surveys for mixing zones and a more comprehensive watershed survey (similar to our bioassessment for macros and fish) will be considered.
- **New Sonde Purchase** - A team made up of County Stormwater, MWRD, MBI and DRSCW staff have chosen to purchase the new sondes from Eureka. A formal purchase order has been requested from Eureka to move forward with the purchase. Item will be sent to the Board before an order is placed. MBI is ordering two sondes as part of the packet.

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- ✓ *D. Streicher made a motion to authorize staff to execute the purchase of data sondes with Solinst Eureka with a not to exceed value of \$126,521.08. The motion was seconded by S. Zehner. The motion passed unanimously.*

**9. Chlorides**

- **Workshops** – Dates have been confirmed for the Fall 2025 workshops. Public Roads – In-Person: Sept. 16, Sept. 23 and Sept. 30; Public Roads – Virtual: Sept. 25, Oct. 7, Nov. 12. Parking Lots & Sidewalks - All Virtual: Oct. 2, Oct. 14, and Nov. 13. In addition, dates have been set for Calibration Workshops for Force America equipment: Nov. 4 (Lake County), Nov. 5 (Cook County DOT), and Nov. 6 (DuPage DOT). A Save-the-Date flyer has been sent to the members.
- **Get a Grip Workshop** was held on 5/29/2025 and attended by 6 DRSCW members. Workshop was with NIRA Dynamics on their friction mapping software. Thanks to ACDC Addison for hosting.
- **Salt Management Questionnaire** – The questionnaire has been updated based on feedback from the Chloride Committee and has gone back out for final review.
- **BMP and Loading analysis** – The final report is under review.
- **SB2138 (liability for contractors)** – No update.
- **Salt Smart Collaborative**– J. Hammer and S. McCracken are members of the Salt Smart Collaborative Steering Committee. All Salt Smart Collaborative information can be found at SaltSmart.org
  - FY24 319 Grant – The Salt Smart Collaborative/TCF applied for a Section 319 Grant to expand training, technical and education/outreach resources for communities, agencies and private contractors to further chloride reduction efforts across NE Illinois.
- **Winter Chloride Watchers** – Through the RiverWatch, SaltSmart Collaborative, CAWS, McHenry County, and DC SWM, TCF is coordinating the Winter Chloride Watchers which is a volunteer monitoring effort for chloride monitoring.
- **Time Limited Water Quality Standard (TLWQS) for Chlorides for the Chicago Area Waterway System (CAWS) and portion of the Lower Des Plaines** – No update.
- **ILR00 and Chlorides** – No update.
- **Street Sweeping data** – Data has been collected at Itasca, Wood Dale and Carol Stream. The data suggests that these villages are capturing 126 – 720 lbs per year of road salt. Analysis will have to be done to discern if this is significant or not in terms of season (spring/summer) and annual mass.

**10. Other Activities**

- **MS4 Permit Update** – Per the IEPA, the effective date of the updated permit is expected to be August 1, 2025. The IEPA expects to post the permit a few weeks in advance of this date so that communities are prepared to start implementation on the effective date.

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- **DRSCW MS4 Activities Report** – A new DRSCW 2024-25 MS4 Activities report was emailed to all DRSCW members who hold a MS4 permit on May 9, 2025.
- **Newsletter** – Based on progress on the NIPs the new newsletter will be available summer 2025 and will report on the NIP permits and implementation.
- **Bacteria on Salt Creek** – No colonies were observed during summer 2024. Staff will conduct site visits during the Summer of 2025 to confirm that the problem has been resolved.
- **Hydrilla on Ginger Creek (Salt Creek watersheds)** – Staff has been assisting IDNR with field investigation to track the growth of hydrilla in Ginger Creek in Spring 2025. IDNR is planning to conduct a comprehensive treatment of Ginger Creek in 2025 (and future years) to contain and eradicate the hydrilla. To date, *three* treatments of Sonar One have been applied in the watershed – April 23/24, 2025, May 20/21, 2025 *and June 23, 2025*. Additionally, the DRSCW has collected one fasTEST to document the concentrations of SonarOne in the watershed on May 9, 2025 with a second round of testing conducted on June 6, 2025. The sampling plan includes the collection of 6 locations (3 composite samples (Ginger and Briarwood Lakes and Lake Ed/Lake Ed) and 3 grab samples). Sonar One has been purchased by IDNR using funds from the Hydrilla Task Force and applied by IDNR, IEPA, and FPDDC staff. McCloud Aquatics is also doing application on Oak Brook Park District property and being paid for by the DRSCW. To date the DRSCW has spent \$2,605.39 (of the \$10,000 approved budget) on fasTesting and McCloud Aquatic invoices. A plant survey of the Ginger Creek watershed is being planned for the end of June/beginning of July with an intensive vegetation survey schedule for Fall 2025.

**11. Business Items (new business)**

**Invoice Summary for Review – April 1, 2025 to May 31, 2025**

<b>Vendor/Project</b>	<b>Invoice Number</b>	<b>Amount (\$)</b>	<b>Status</b>
Baxter & Woodman - 2025 CL Reduction	271059	1,258.00	Pending
Baxter & Woodman - 2025 CL Reduction	270018	950.00	Paid
Fehr Graham - Fawell	130952	1,503.50	Pending
First Insurance - Directors & Officers	2025-26	1,031.00	Paid
Hartford Insurance - Crime	2025-26	582.00	Paid
Hey & Assoc – Fullersburg Dam	20036	1066.88	Paid
MBI - 2023 EBDR Bioassessment	2320	19,290.58	Paid
MBI - 2020 WBDR Bioassessment	2317	6,361.11	Paid
McCloud Aquatics - Hydrilla treatment	108357-1&2	900.00	Paid
Murray and Trettel - Snowfall data - 6 locations	0525-304	3,000.00	Pending
Murray and Trettel - Snowfall data, 2008-2010	0525-305	900.00	Pending



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Murray and Trettel - Certified Regional data	0525-675	1,400.00	Pending
Solest Eureka - Probe Maintenance (re-issued)	3 invoices	1,253.58	Paid
TetraTech - QUAL2kw	52419302	7,548.00	Pending
V3 Companies - Fawell Dam Project	10125343	2,463.21	Paid
West Bend Insurance - General Liability	2025-26	400.00	Paid

- **YTD Financial Reports (through May 31, 2025)** (Attachment 2)
  - **Audit** – The audit has been reviewed and questions submitted to Lauterbach & Amen.
- **Membership Dues Payment Update (through June 18, 2025)** (Attachment 3).

**12. TCF Staffing Contract** – The TCF contract for 2025-26 is attached (Attachment 4). The contract reflects a 4% increase in staff salary and a 2% increase in fixed costs which are more than offset by staff sharing with other watershed groups.

- ✓ *L. Cox made a motion to approve the 2025-26 TCF Staffing Contract, amended to include the increased salary to \$286,369.52. The motion was seconded by S. Zehner. The motion passed with one abstention (D. Gorman).*

**13. Presentation and Workshops**

- January 23, 2025 – “Balancing Environmental and Historic Preservation Goals at Fullersburg Forest Preserve”, Illinois Association of Parks Departments/Illinois Parks and Recreation Association Soaring to New Heights Conference. Deanna Doohaluk, The Conservation Foundation and Tim Pollowy, Hey and Associates.
- March 11, 2025 – Site Tour at Fullersburg Woods, Illinois Association of Floodplain and Stormwater Management Conference. Deanna Doohaluk and Stephen McCracken, The Conservation Foundation, Tim Pollowy, Hey and Associates, and Erik Neidy, FPDDC
- June 3, 2025– Tour of Fullersburg Woods Dam Removal and Stream Restoration Project, La Grange League of Women Voters and Salt Creek Watershed Network.
- June 13, 2025 – Tour of Fullersburg Woods Dam Removal and Stream Restoration Project, The Conservation Foundation Staff and Board Retreat.
- September 14, 2025 – Tour of Naperville’s Springbrook Water Reclamation Center.
- *October 8, 2025 – Fox River Ecosystem Partnership (FREP) Noon Network– field tour of Fullersburg Dam removal in Oakbrook, DuPage County. Hosts Erik Neidy, DuPage County Forest Preserve District, Deanna Doohaluk, Stephen McCracken, DuPage River/Salt Creek Work Group, Tim Pollowy, Hey and Associates, Inc.*
- Date Pending – Fullersburg Woods Dam Removal, presentation to the Village of Burr Ridge Board, Stephen McCracken, The Conservation Foundation.

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**14. Other Business**

- *S. Zehner expressed his frustration with the delay of incorporating the NIP recommendation into the permits given the success the DRSCW has shown since its establishment in 2004. He also expressed his thanks to the staff and Negotiations Team for their continued talks with the IEPA and the EAGs.*

**15. Future Meeting Schedule (location to be determined)**

August 27, 2025 from 9AM-11AM  
October 29, 2025 from 9AM-11AM  
December 3, 2025 from 9AM-12PM  
February 25, 2026 from 9AM-11AM  
April 29, 2026 from 9AM-11AM  
June 24, 2026 from 9AM-11AM

*D. Gorman made a motion to adjourn at 10:58am. The motion was seconded by G. Ulreich.*

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## Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

March through July 2025

	<u>Jul 25</u>	<u>Mar - Jul 25</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
<b>Program Income</b>			
Agency Membership Dues	0.00	465,812.00	540,418.00
Associate Membership Dues	246.00	3,606.00	5,886.00
Special Condition Assessments			
Project Assessments	0.00	1,121,309.00	1,332,944.00
Total Special Condition Assessments	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,121,309.00</u>	<u>1,332,944.00</u>
Total Program Income	246.00	1,590,727.00	1,879,248.00
<b>Interest</b>			
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	5,973.25	50,357.83	24,850.00
Interest-Special Conditions	60,841.63	140,935.12	286,600.00
Total Interest	<u>66,814.88</u>	<u>191,292.95</u>	<u>311,450.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>67,060.88</u>	<u>1,782,019.95</u>	<u>2,190,698.00</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	67,060.88	1,782,019.95	2,190,698.00
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>Administration</b>			
Accounting Fees			
Audit	0.00	4,700.00	6,700.00
Tax Returns	0.00	0.00	2,020.00
Total Accounting Fees	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,700.00</u>	<u>8,720.00</u>
Bank Service Fees	0.00	30.00	
Fixed Office Expense	1,464.58	7,207.90	17,575.00
Insurance - Liability, D and O	0.00	2,013.00	2,200.00
Laptop, battery, powercord, etc	0.00	0.00	500.00
Meeting & Meals Expenses	0.00	0.00	300.00
Memberships	0.00	25.00	400.00
Outside Contract Services	0.00	0.00	1,600.00
Registration/Filing Fees	0.00	0.00	50.00
Software	0.00	18.00	1,200.00
Staff Salaries	23,924.13	115,164.37	281,567.00
<b>Staff Expenses</b>			
Cell Phones	0.00	743.28	2,581.00
Hotel/Travel/Parking	0.00	27.55	2,187.00
Mileage & Tolls	0.00	749.24	5,809.00
Postage, Mailing Service	0.00	0.00	50.00
Printing and Copying	0.00	0.00	400.00
Staff Training	0.00	535.00	2,500.00
Supplies	0.00	0.00	70.00
Total Staff Expenses	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,055.07</u>	<u>13,597.00</u>
<b>Website</b>			
Consultant	0.00	0.00	7,500.00
Website Fees & Hosting	0.00	0.00	764.00

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## Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

### March through July 2025

	Jul 25	Mar - Jul 25	Budget
Total Website	0.00	0.00	8,264.00
Total Administration	25,388.71	131,213.34	335,973.00
<b>Program Expenses</b>			
<b>IPS Update</b>			
IPS Rigour Analysis	0.00	0.00	16,050.00
PowerBI Data Update	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
Power Bi Workshop	0.00	0.00	20,000.00
Total IPS Update	0.00	0.00	46,050.00
<b>Monitoring</b>			
<b>Data Management</b>			
Interface for Public Query	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
Geodatabase - maintenance	0.00	0.00	7,500.00
Database hosting fee	0.00	0.00	150.00
Data Management - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Data Management	0.00	0.00	10,150.00
<b>DO Monitoring</b>			
DO - Supplies	0.00	62.21	2,866.00
DO Probe Purchases	0.00	0.00	231,000.00
Probe Maintenance	0.00	1,253.58	4,482.00
Total DO Monitoring	0.00	1,315.79	238,348.00
QHEI Staff Training	0.00	0.00	12,000.00
Staffing Cost (Interns)	0.00	0.00	8,000.00
<b>Watershed Monitoring</b>			
<b>EBDR</b>			
Biological & Habitat	0.00	19,290.58	58,448.00
Total EBDR	0.00	19,290.58	58,448.00
<b>WBDR</b>			
Biological & Habitat	0.00	6,359.32	
Total WBDR	0.00	6,359.32	
<b>Salt Creek</b>			
Biological & Habitat	0.00	0.00	226,651.00
Chemical	17,685.50	17,685.50	130,178.00
Total Salt Creek	17,685.50	17,685.50	356,829.00
Chemical Monitoring Supplies	0.00	0.00	330.00
Total Watershed Monitoring	17,685.50	43,335.40	415,607.00
Total Monitoring	17,685.50	44,651.19	684,105.00
<b>Chloride Reduction Program</b>			
<b>Chloride Workshops</b>			
Expenses	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
Level II Workshop	0.00	0.00	4,000.00
Total Chloride Workshops	0.00	0.00	5,500.00
Questionnaire	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
Tollway MOU - Chloride Offset	0.00	0.00	6,000.00

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Trend Analysis	0.00	950.00	4,394.00
Future Initiatives			
Chloride Sampling	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
Future Initiatives - Other	3,000.00	3,000.00	10,000.00
Total Future Initiatives	3,000.00	3,000.00	11,500.00
Weather Data (WC)	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
Total Chloride Reduction Program	3,000.00	3,950.00	31,894.00
Other Projects			
Hydrilla Treatment	0.00	900.00	10,000.00
Invasive Species	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Total Other Projects	0.00	900.00	15,000.00
Total Program Expenses	20,685.50	49,501.19	777,049.00
Special Conditions Projects			
Fullersburg Woods			
Fullersburg - Concept Plan			
RestoreSaltCreek.org Website	0.00	263.03	
Fullersburg - Concept Plan - Other	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Total Fullersburg - Concept Plan	0.00	263.03	5,000.00
Fullersburg - Dam Modification	324.71	1,616.98	3,847,920.00
Fullersburg - Stream Monitoring	0.00	0.00	13,860.00
Total Fullersburg Woods	324.71	1,880.01	3,866,780.00
Fawell Dam	1,503.50	7,527.46	700,550.00
Nutrient Impl Plan (NIP)			
NIP Support	10,760.00	10,760.00	
Nutrient Impl Plan (NIP) - Other	5,340.00	5,340.00	68,960.00
Total Nutrient Impl Plan (NIP)	16,100.00	16,100.00	68,960.00
QUAL2Kw	5,984.00	5,984.00	6,000.00
Southern EB Stream Enhancement	0.00	0.00	200,000.00
Southern WB Stream Enhancement	0.00	0.00	21,950.00
Spring Brook	0.00	0.00	23,430.00
Contingency	0.00	0.00	100,000.00
Total Special Conditions Projects	23,912.21	31,491.47	4,987,670.00
Total Expense	69,986.42	212,206.00	6,100,692.00
Net Ordinary Income	-2,925.54	1,569,813.95	-3,909,994.00
Net Income	<u>-2,925.54</u>	<u>1,569,813.95</u>	<u>-3,909,994.00</u>

**Dupage River/Salt Creek Workgroup**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of July 31, 2025

08/07/25  
Cash Basis

	Jul 31, 25
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Itasca Bank	
Itasca Bank Checking	59,224.09
Itasca Bank MMA A/C	124,517.61
Total Itasca Bank	183,741.70
WinTrust Wealth Mgmt	
Certificates of Deposit	10,100,000.00
WinTrust T-Bills	310,000.00
Wintrust MMA	756,613.88
Total WinTrust Wealth Mgmt	11,166,613.88
Total Checking/Savings	11,350,355.58
Total Current Assets	11,350,355.58
Fixed Assets	53,903.23
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>11,404,258.81</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>11,404,258.81</b>

*Note: As reflected on this balance sheet, the DRSCW is carrying a substantial balance of funds. This is due to the structure of the NPDES permit special conditions, negotiated by DRSCW, in which large scale projects are planned and undertaken to meet permit requirements. DRSCW POTW member organizations remit funds annually in order to, over time, build up the necessary fund balance to pay the multi-million dollars cost of large-scale dam removal and stream restoration projects.*

Membership Dues Received To Date  
August 20, 2025

Agency Name	25-26		25-26 Total Due	25-26 Total Received
	Dues FY 25-26	Assessment		
Village of Addison	25,586	137,952	163,538	163,538
Village of Arlington Heights	1,051		1,051	
City of Aurora	1,164		1,164	
Village of Bartlett	12,205		12,205	12,205
Village of Bensenville	12,802		12,802	12,802
Village of Bloomingdale	12,196	55,993	68,189	68,189
Village of Bolingbrook	12,404	81,797	94,201	
Village of Carol Stream	18,091	87,640	105,731	105,731
Village of Clarendon Hills	676		676	676
Downers Grove Sanitary District	26,479	178,527	205,006	205,006
Village of Downers Grove	7,956		7,956	7,956
DuPage County Public Works*	30,198	202,871	233,069	233,069
DuPage County Stormwater Mgmt*	38,433		38,433	38,433
City of Elmhurst	24,773	129,838	154,611	
Glenbard Wastewater Authority	38,426	259,999	298,425	298,425
Village of Glen Ellyn	3,874		3,874	
Village of Glendale Heights	15,702		15,702	15,702
Village of Hanover Park	9,612	39,276	48,888	48,888
Village of Hinsdale	751		751	751
Village of Hoffman Estates	3,295		3,295	3,295
Village of Itasca	9,151		9,151	
Village of Lisle	3,898		3,898	3,898
Village of Lombard	5,582		5,582	5,582
MWRDGC	113,822		113,822	113,822
City of Naperville	11,062		11,062	
City of Northlake	1,744		1,744	
Village of Oak Brook			-	
City of Oakbrook Terrace	1,074		1,074	1,074
Village of Palatine	5,363		5,363	5,363
Village of Roselle	11,221	55,181	66,402	66,402
Salt Creek Sanitary District	8,155	53,558	61,713	61,713
Village of Schaumburg	9,103		9,103	9,103
Village of Streamwood	709		709	709
Village of Villa Park	2,844		2,844	2,844
City of Warrenville	3,286		3,286	3,286
City of West Chicago/WWA	25,333		25,333	25,333
Village of Westchester			-	
Village of Western Springs	709		709	709
Village of Westmont	2,360		2,360	2,360
Wheaton Sanitary District	21,480		21,480	21,480
City of Wheaton	6,380		6,380	6,380
City of Winfield	1,678		1,678	1,678
City of Wood Dale	9,431	50,312	59,743	59,743
Village of Woodridge	3,165		3,165	3,165
Total	553,224	1,332,944	1,886,168	1,609,310

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August 20, 2025

Associate Members	2025-2026 Dues	25-26 Total Received
AECOM	246	246
Arcadis US Inc.		
Baxter & Woodman, Inc	246	246
Black & Veatch	246	
Carollo Engineers		
CDM Smith		
Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Inc.	246	246
Clark Dietz	246	246
Clark Hill		
Donohue and Associates	246	246
DuPage County Health Department		
Elmhurst-Chicago Stone Company	246	246
Engineering Resource Associates	246	246
Fehr Graham	246	246
Forest Preserve District of Cook County		
Forest Preserve District of DuPage County	150	150
Geosyntec Consultants		
Gewalt Hamilton Associates	246	246
GZA GeoEnvironmental	246	
Hey & Associates	246	246
Illinois Department of Transportation	150	150
Illinois State Toll Highway Authority	150	
Industrial Systems, Ltd.		
Inter-Fluve, Inc.		
K-Tech Specialty Coatings, Inc.		
LaGrange Park, Village of	150	
Lisle Township Highway Department	150	150
Metro Strategies		
Monroe Truck Equipment		
Naperville Park District	150	150
Naperville Township Road District	150	
Prairie Rivers Network	150	
RHMG Engineers, Inc.		
RJN Group		
Robinson Engineering	246	
Ruekert & Mielke, Inc.		
Salt Creek Watershed Network	150	150
Sierra Club, River Prairie Group	150	
Stantec	246	
Strand Associates, Inc.	246	
The Conservation Foundation	150	150
The Morton Arboretum	150	
Trotter and Associates	246	150
V3 Companies	246	
York Township Highway Dept.	150	
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