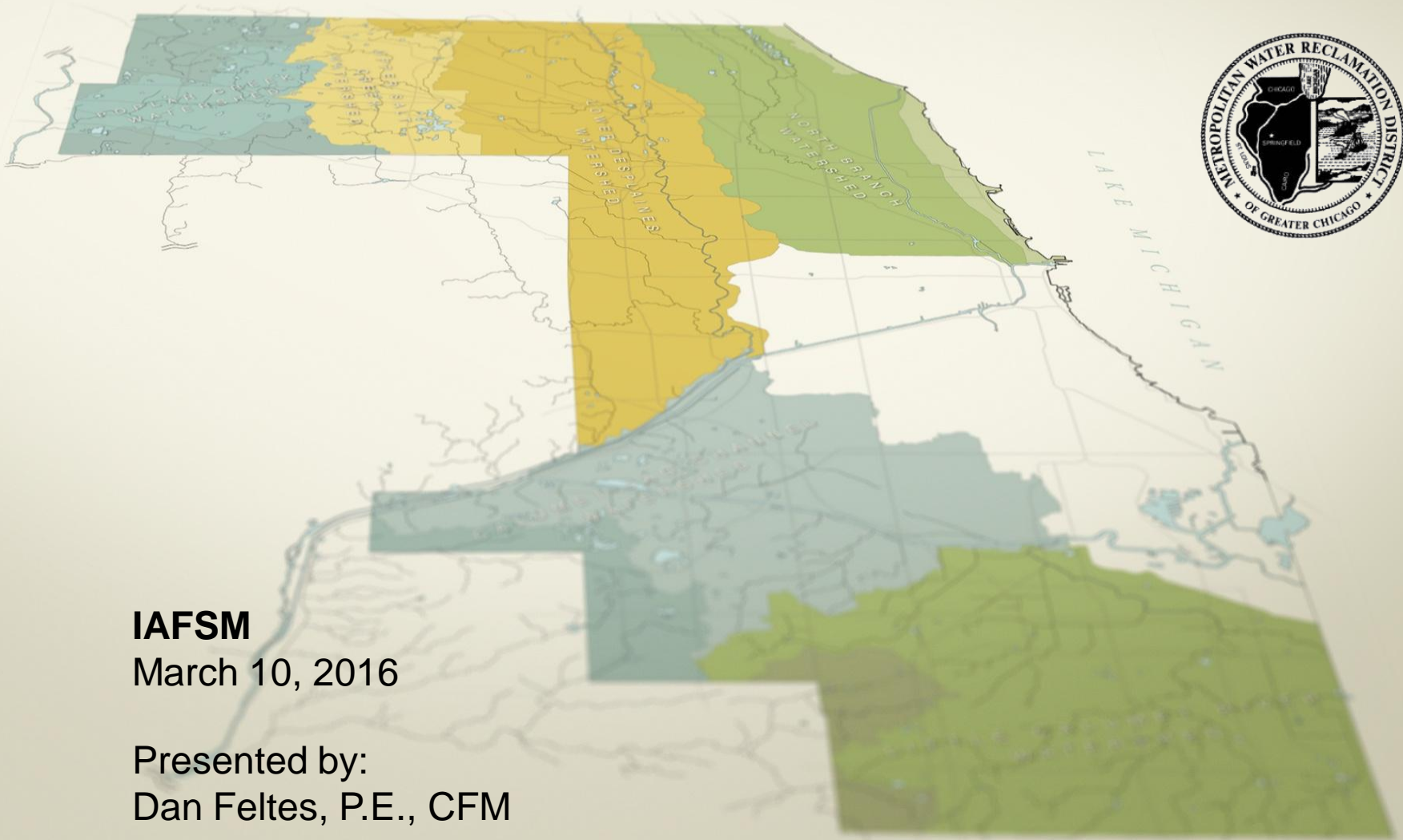


# Watershed Management Ordinance (WMO)



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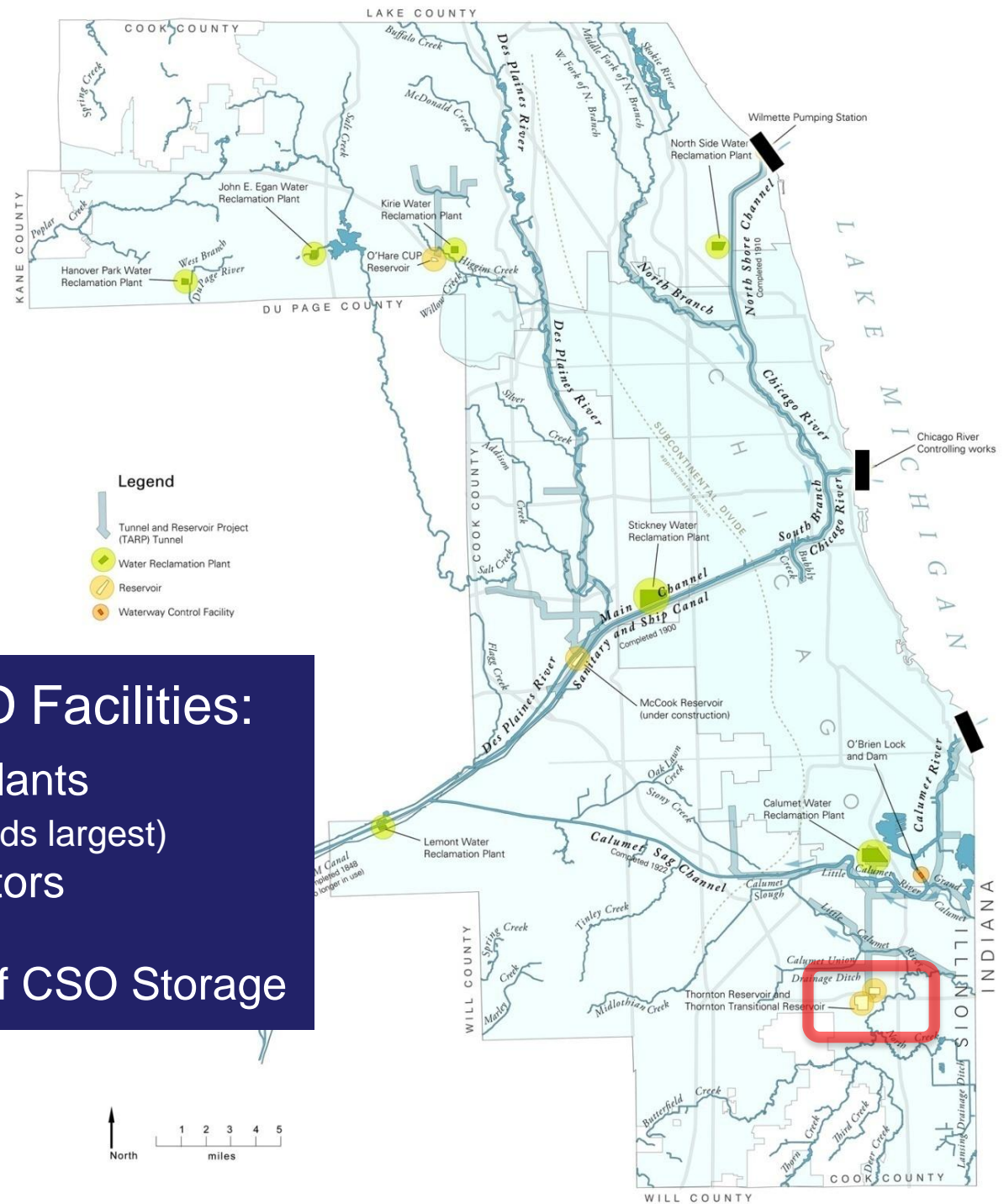
Presented by:  
Dan Feltes, P.E., CFM



# WMO Update Agenda

- Brief WMO Development Background
- Permit Applicability
- Permit Compliance Resources and Website
- Permit Time
- How to Calculate Volume Control
- Flood Protection Elevation
- WMO Stormwater Volume Results from 2015
- WMO Forthcoming Developments

**Summary of MWRD Facilities:**  
**7 Water Reclamation Plants**  
 (including one of the worlds largest)  
 ~ 554 Miles of Interceptors  
 ~ 109 Miles of Tunnels  
 ~ 10.6 Billion Gallons of CSO Storage







# Thornton Composite Reservoir



- 7.9 BG CSO Reservoir
- Largest in the World
- 83 Acres
- 2,480 Ft X 1,580 Ft
- 300 Feet Deep



# District Responsibilities



## Wastewater Treatment

- 7 Wastewater Treatment Plants
- Stickney 1.2 billion gallons per day



## Stormwater Management

- Public Act 093-1049
- Public Act 098-0625



## **WMO Objective**

Establish uniform, minimum, and comprehensive countywide stormwater management regulations

## **Enabling Legislation**

### **Watershed Management Ordinance**

“Stormwater management in Cook County shall be under the general supervision of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.”

“The District may prescribe by ordinance reasonable rules and regulations for floodplain and stormwater management . . . in Cook County.”

**Public Act 093-1049**



## Sewer Permit Ordinance

- Sanitary Sewers
- Stormwater Detention
  - TP-40 Rainfall Data
  - Modified Rational Method

## Watershed Management Ordinance

- Sanitary Sewers
- Stormwater Detention
  - Bulletin-70 Rainfall Data
  - Flat Release Rate
  - Hydrograph Method
- Volume Control
- Erosion & Sediment
- Flood Protection Areas
  - Floodplain
  - Floodway
  - Isolated Wetlands
  - Riparian Areas





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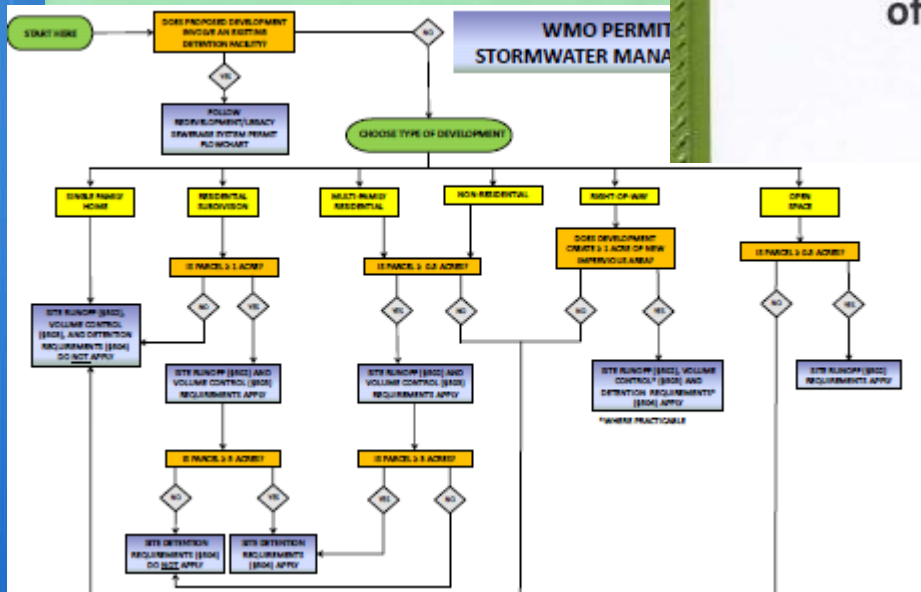
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## Technical Guidance Manual for the Implementation of the Watershed Management Ordinance

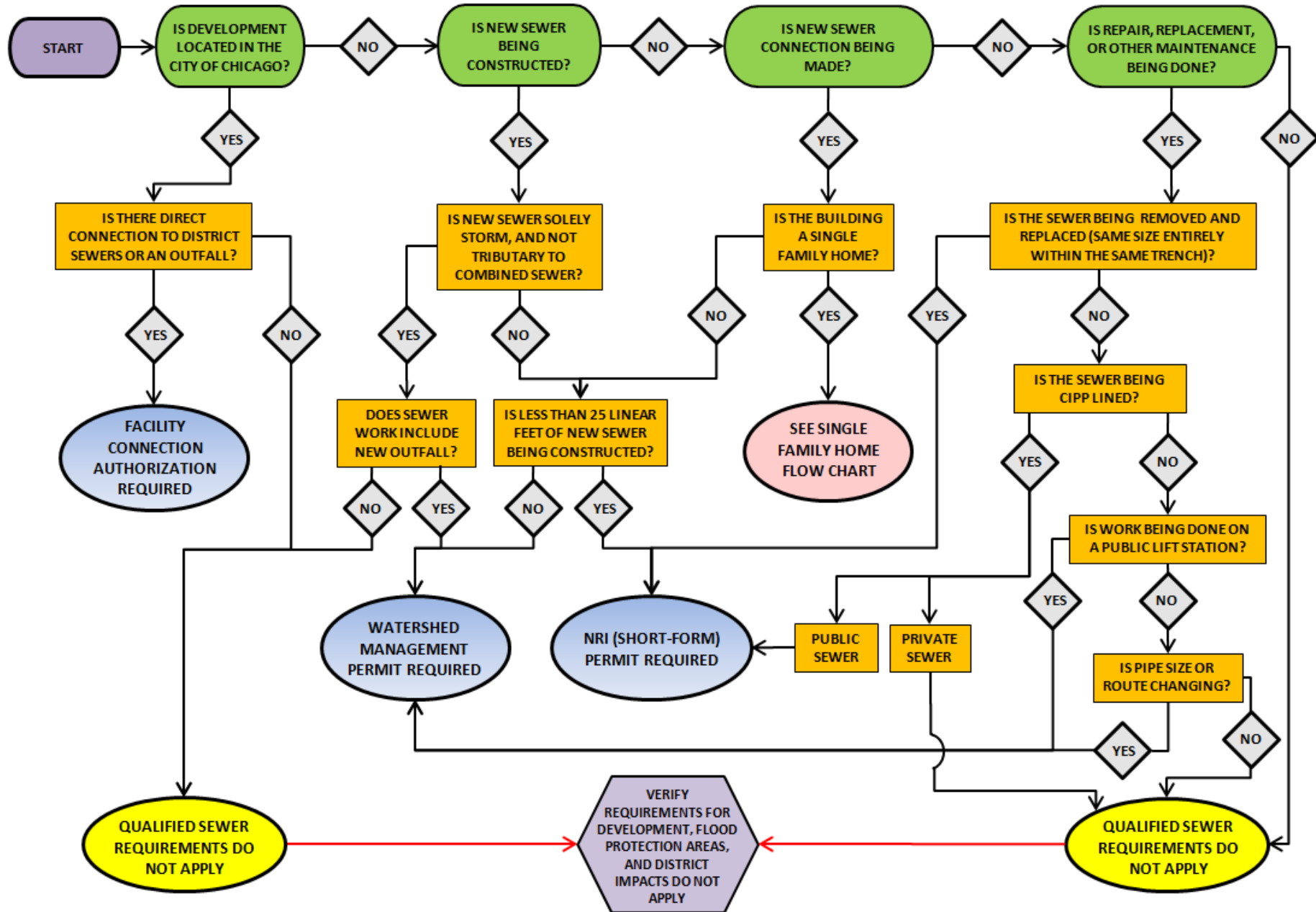
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- Ordinance
- Technical Guidance Manual
- Permit Forms
- Flow Charts
- Checklists



# METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO QUALIFIED SEWER CONSTRUCTION\* FLOW CHART



\*See definition of qualified sewer construction in Appendix A of the WMO.

# Permit Applicability



Permit Applicability  
§201, Table 1

Development  
> 0.5 Disturbed  
Area



Flood Protection  
Areas  
Floodplain, Wetlands,  
Riparian etc.

Qualified Sewer  
Construction

District  
Impacts

Stormwater  
Requirements  
Article 5, Table 2  
Ownership

## Color Code:

- Cook County,  Chicago
- District Corporate Limits,  Chicago
- Cook County including Chicago

TARP / Interceptors  
Waterway Outfalls  
Lake Michigan  
District Property

**Table 2.**  
**Summary of Site Stormwater Management Requirements<sup>1</sup>**

	§502	§503	§504
<b>Development Type</b> <small>(See Appendix A for definitions)</small>	<b>Runoff Requirements</b>	<b>Volume Control Requirements<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Detention Requirements<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>Single-Family Home</b>	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt
<b>Residential Subdivision</b>	<b>Parcels</b> ≥ 1 acre	<b>Parcels</b> ≥ 1 acre	<b>Parcels</b> ≥ 5 acres
<b>Multi-Family Residential</b>	<b>Parcels</b> ≥ 0.5 acre	<b>Parcels</b> ≥ 0.5 acre	<b>Parcels</b> ≥ 3 acres †
<b>Non-Residential</b>	<b>Parcels</b> ≥ 0.5 acre	<b>Parcels</b> ≥ 0.5 acre	<b>Parcels</b> ≥ 3 acres †
<b>Right-of-Way</b>	<b>New Impervious Area</b> ≥ 1 acre	<b>New Impervious Area</b> ≥ 1 acre †	<b>New Impervious Area</b> ≥ 1 acre †
<b>Open Space</b>	<b>Parcels</b> ≥ 0.5 acre	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

<sup>1</sup> **Site stormwater** management requirements are not required for **maintenance activities** as defined in Appendix A.

<sup>2</sup> Requirements are applicable when a **Watershed Management Permit** is required under §201 of this **Ordinance**.

† Where practicable.

‡ Starting the effective date of this **Ordinance**, any new **development** on the **parcel** that totals either individually or in the aggregate to more than one-half (0.5) of an acre.





## Overview

[Cook County Stormwater Management Plan \(CCSMP\)](#)
**[Watershed Management Ordinance \(WMO\)](#)**
[Inundation Maps & Hydraulic Profiles](#)
[Stormwater Annual Reports and Publications](#)
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[Combined Sewer Communities](#)
[Services & Facilities](#) >> [Stormwater Management](#) >> [Watershed Management Ordinance \(WMO\)](#)

## Watershed Management Ordinance

The Watershed Management Ordinance (WMO) establishes uniform, minimum, countywide stormwater management regulations throughout Cook County. Components which are regulated under the WMO include control, floodplain management, isolated wetland protection, riparian environment protection, and soil erosion and sediment control. The WMO went into effect on May 1, 2014 and the District's Board of Commissioners adopted the WMO on July 10, 2014. The WMO is accessible through the link below.

- » [WMO](#) (As amended on July 10, 2014 meeting) (7.2 MB)
- » [WMO Comparison Documents](#) (Compares changes from May 1, 2014 WMO to July 10, 2014 latest amendments) (6.08 MB)
- » [Article 8: Infiltration / Inflow Control Program](#) (Incorporated into WMO on July 10, 2014) (68.3 KB)

The District developed a Technical Guidance Manual (TGM), which will serve as a technical reference to the WMO. The TGM documents are accessible through the link below.

- » [Technical Guidance Manual \(TGM\)](#) (Updated September 2015)
- » [Appendix C. Standard Details & Notes](#) (Updated July 2015)

The District will conduct training for stakeholders to ease the transition from the Sewer Permit Ordinance to the WMO.

- » [Training Schedule](#)

### Permit Resources:

- » [Information Pamphlets for Developers and Homeowners](#)
- » [Watershed Management Permit Flow Charts, Checklist and Forms](#)
- » [Minimum Permit Submittal Checklist](#) (184 KB)
- » [WMO Design Calculators](#)
- » [WMO Model Templates](#)
- » [Authorized Municipalities and Multi-County Municipalities](#)

### Other Resources:

- » [Watershed Management Ordinance: Short Summary](#)
- » [Permit Inquiries \(Request Copies of Past Issued Permits\)](#)
- » [Permit Revision Information](#)
- » [Existing Development Plans List](#)
- » [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#)



# wmo.mwrd.org

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The WMO aims to protect public health, safety, and welfare, and Cook County homes and businesses from flood damage by managing and mitigating the effects of development and redevelopment on stormwater drainage. It provides uniform minimum stormwater management regulations for Cook County that are consistent with the region.

The WMO replaces the MWRD's repealed Sewer Permit Ordinance (SPO). WMO permit requirements are more comprehensive than those of the SPO.

## How it Works

The WMO establishes rules and guidelines for development to ensure that flooding problems are not exacerbated. Permits are required prior to start of construction for new projects as described inside.

## Single Family Homes

The WMO was not intended to regulate most single family homes. When a new development is located in or near a Flood Protection Area, a permit may be required. See "WMO: A Quick Guide for Homeowners" and the WMO.

### For More Information

please visit [wmo.mwrdd.org](http://wmo.mwrdd.org)  
or contact the MWRD at 312.751.3255  
or [WMOinbax@mwrdd.org](mailto:WMOinbax@mwrdd.org)

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# WMO Informational Brochure

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The WMO defines a "single family home" as a residential parcel containing less than 3 dwelling units. This does not include single family home parcels subdivided after May 1, 2014.

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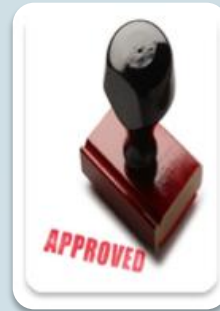
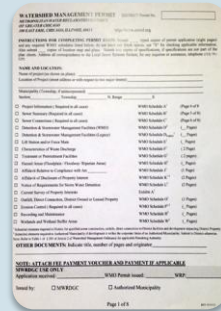
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# When to Apply

## Past contractor expectations:



**Design Project**

**Mobilize**

**Substantial Completion**

**Apply for MWRD Permit**

**MWRD Inspect**

**Obtain Permit**

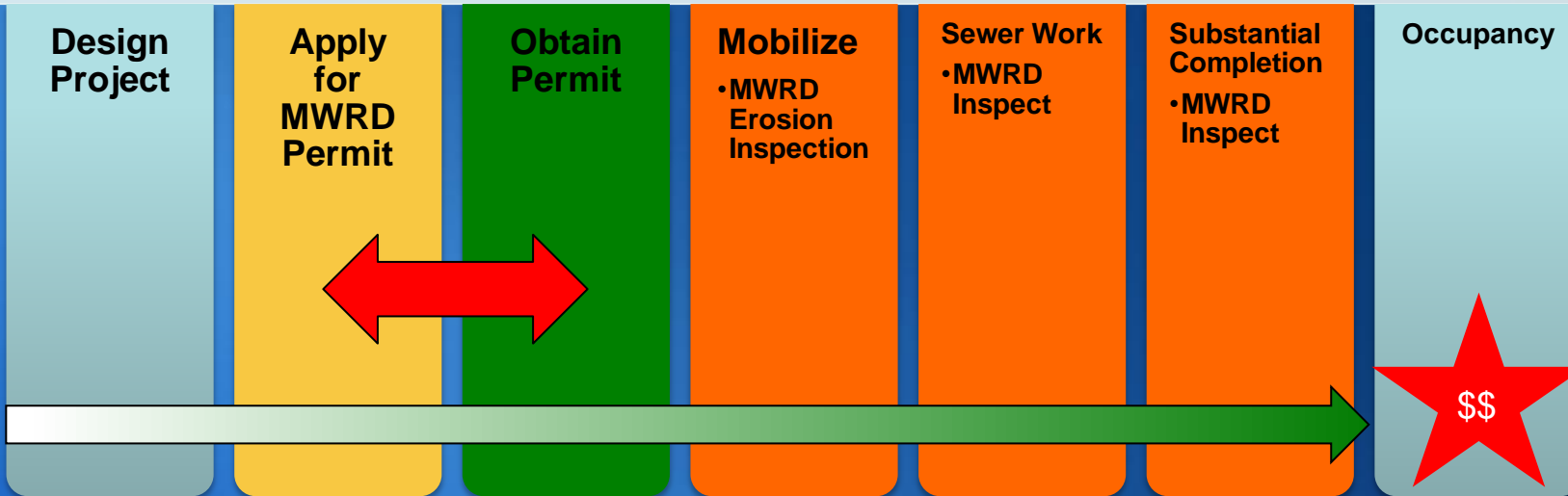
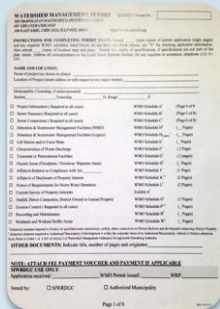
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# When to Apply

## Early coordination needed with new regulations





# Permit Review Time

- **Per Ordinance § 1401:2**
  - 15 working days outside FPA
  - 30 working days inside FPA
  - 10 working days for resubmittal
- **3 year approved permit life**
  - 1 year to start construction
  - Extensions to construction start may be granted upon request
  - 3 years total to finish
- **Stagnant permits now canceled quarterly**
  - Applications cannot remain open indefinitely
  - 90 days no resubmittal = 30 day deadline to respond with schedule
  - MWRD is reasonable, but be certain to respond in a letter



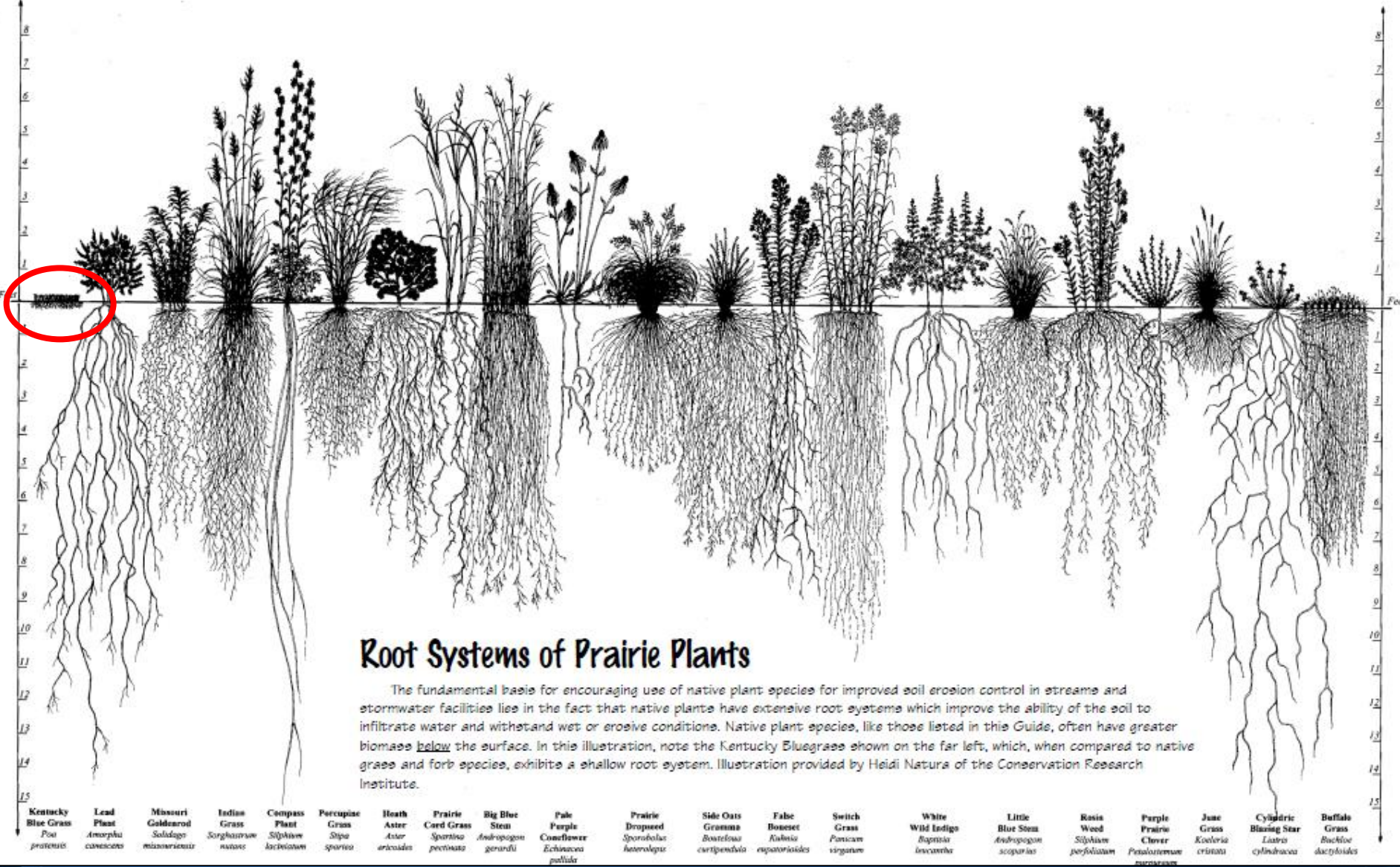




# Green Infrastructure (GI) = Volume Control (VC) (in WMO)







## Root Systems of Prairie Plants

The fundamental basis for encouraging use of native plant species for improved soil erosion control in streams and stormwater facilities lies in the fact that native plants have extensive root systems which improve the ability of the soil to infiltrate water and withstand wet or erosive conditions. Native plant species, like those listed in this Guide, often have greater biomass below the surface. In this illustration, note the Kentucky Bluegrass shown on the far left, which, when compared to native grass and forb species, exhibits a shallow root system. Illustration provided by Heidi Natura of the Conservation Research Institute.

- Kentucky Blue Grass  
*Poa pratensis*
- Lead Plant  
*Amorpha canescens*
- Missouri Goldenrod  
*Solidago missouriensis*
- Indian Grass  
*Sorghastrum nutans*
- Compass Plant  
*Silphium laciniatum*
- Percupine Grass  
*Stipa spirea*
- Heath Aster  
*Aster ericoides*
- Prairie Cord Grass  
*Spartina pectinata*
- Big Blue Stem  
*Andropogon gerardii*
- Pale Purple Coneflower  
*Echinacea pallida*
- Prairie Dropseed  
*Sporobolus heterolepis*
- Side Oats Gramma  
*Bouteloua curtipendula*
- False Boneset  
*Rubus cuneifolius*
- Switch Grass  
*Panicum virgatum*
- White Wild Indigo  
*Baptisia leucantha*
- Little Blue Stem  
*Andropogon scoparius*
- Rosin Weed  
*Silphium perfoliatum*
- Purple Prairie Clover  
*Petalostemum purpureum*
- June Grass  
*Koeleria cristata*
- Cylindric Blazing Star  
*Liatris cylindracea*
- Buffalo Grass  
*Bouteloua dactyloides*

# Root Systems: Turf Grass to Native Plants



## [Appendix C. Standard Details & Notes \(29 MB\) \(Updated July 2015\)](#)

### Volume Control Details

Bioretention Facility	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">DWG</a>
Bioswale (Must be used with Check Dam)	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">DWG</a>
Bioswale Check Dam	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">DWG</a>
Constructed Wetlands	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">DWG</a>
Drywell	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">DWG</a>
Green Roof	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">DWG</a>
Infiltration Trench	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">DWG</a>
Lake Michigan Outfall Water Quality Device	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">DWG</a>
Observation Well	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">DWG</a>
Permeable Pavers	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">DWG</a>
Rain Cistern/Water Reuse System	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">DWG</a>
Removable Hood for Catch Basin and Water Quality Structures	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">DWG</a>
Sediment Forebay/Pretreatment Basin	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">DWG</a>
Signage for Permeable Pavement	<a href="#">PDF</a>	
Storage Below Outlet of Detention Basin	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">DWG</a>
Vegetated Filter Strip (Flow-Through)	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">DWG</a>
Volume Control Pretreatment Measures	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">DWG</a>
Volume Control Storage Matrix	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">DWG</a>

### General Notes and Exhibits

MWRD General Notes	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">DWG</a>
Example Drainage Exhibit	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">DWG</a>
Example Exhibit R	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">DWG</a>
Example Routing Exhibit	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">DWG</a>

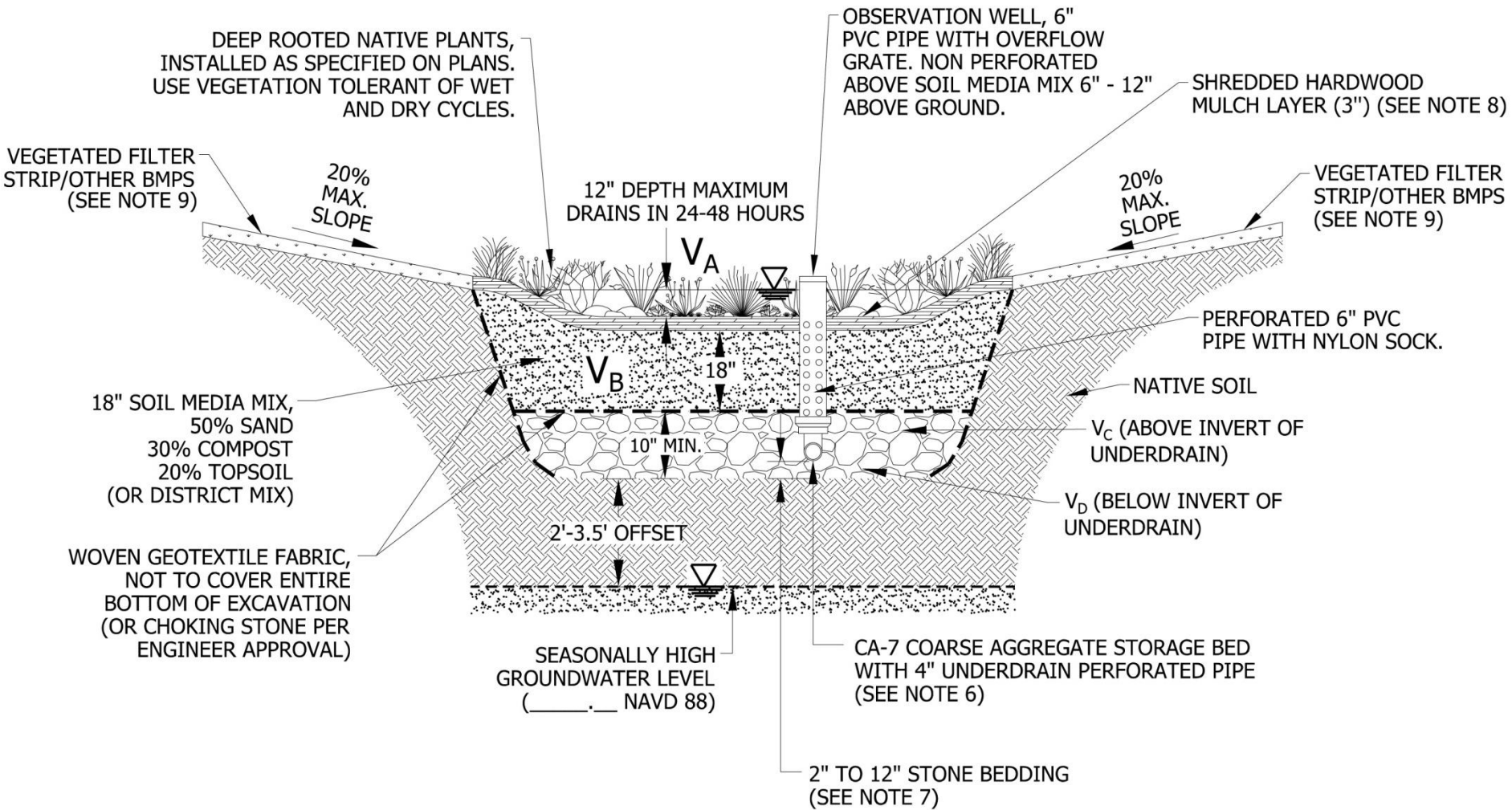
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Emergency Overflow Weir	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">DWG</a>
Floodplain Garage	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">DWG</a>
Outlet Control Structure (Plate)	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">DWG</a>
Outlet Control Structure (Wall)	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">DWG</a>
Parking Lot Detention	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">DWG</a>
Signage for Parking Lot Detention	<a href="#">PDF</a>	
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### Sanitary Sewer Details

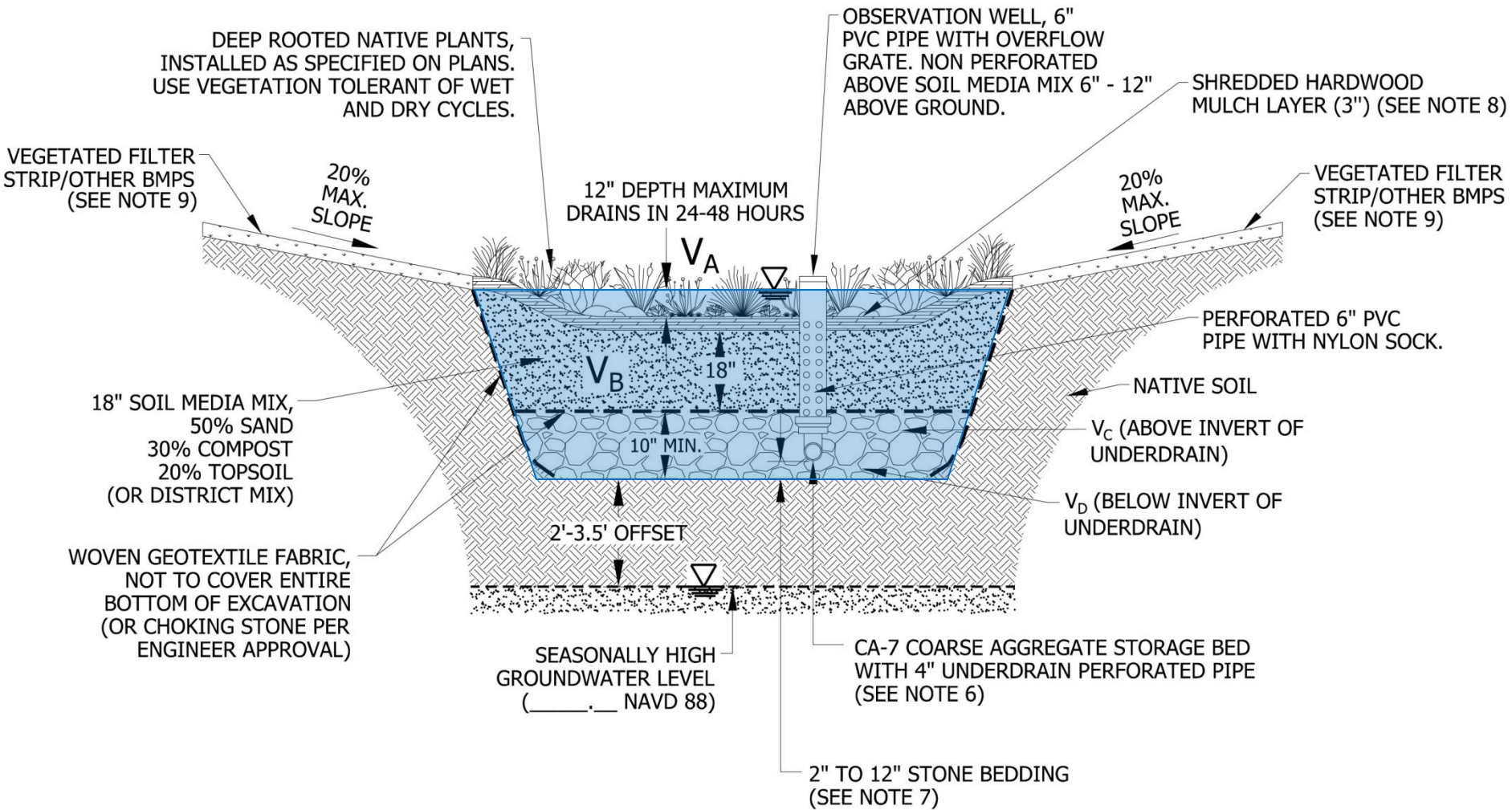
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Forcemain Discharge to Gravity Manhole	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">DWG</a>
Large Grease Basin	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">DWG</a>
Methods for Connecting to MWRD Manholes	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">DWG</a>
Riser for Sanitary Service Lateral	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">DWG</a>
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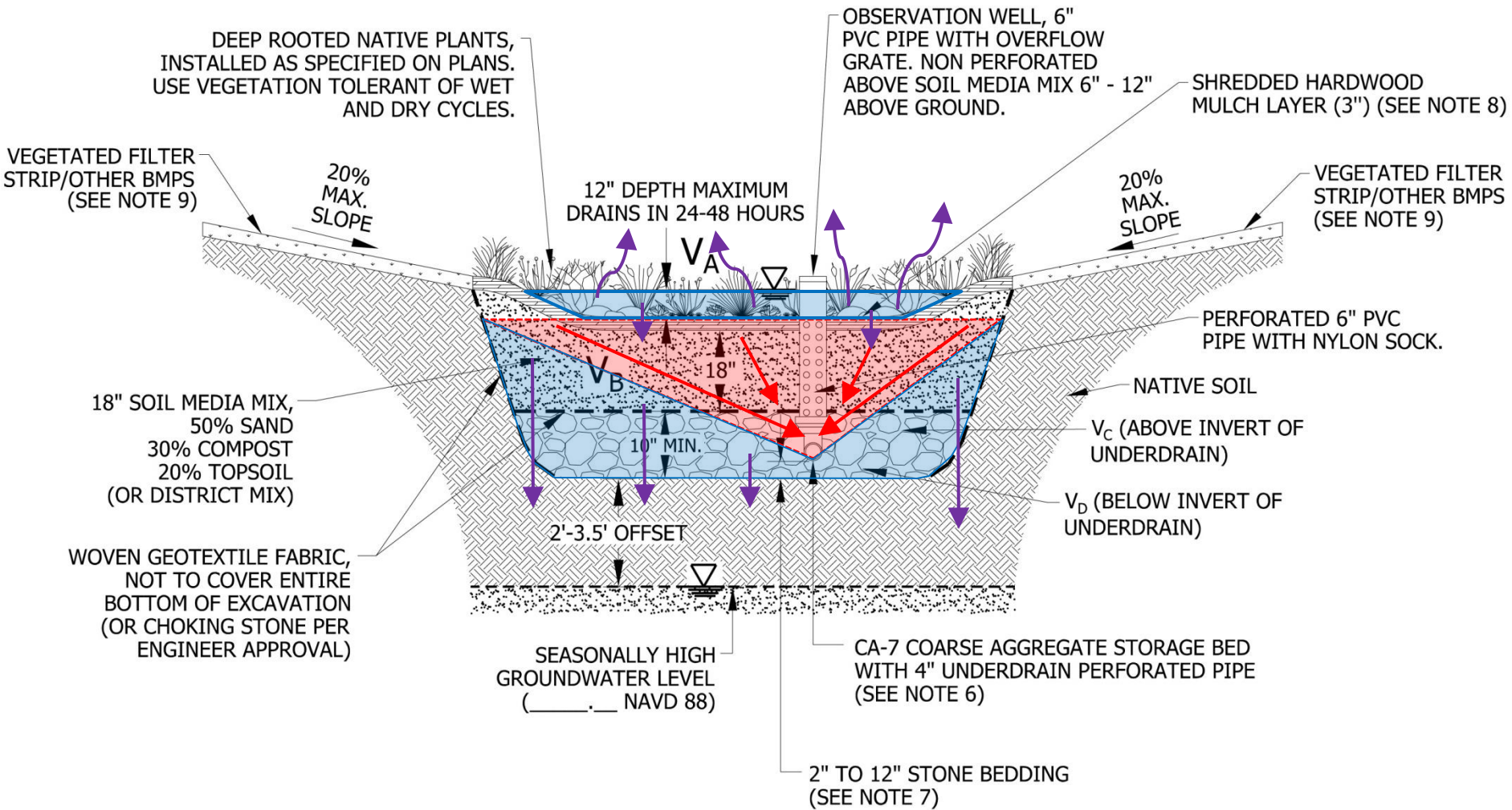


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SURFACE STORAGE	1.00	$V_A$	$1.00 \times V_A$	
SOIL MEDIA MIX	0.25	$V_B$	$0.5 \times 0.25 \times V_B$	
COARSE AGG. (ABOVE INVERT)	0.36	$V_C$	$0.5 \times 0.36 \times V_C$	
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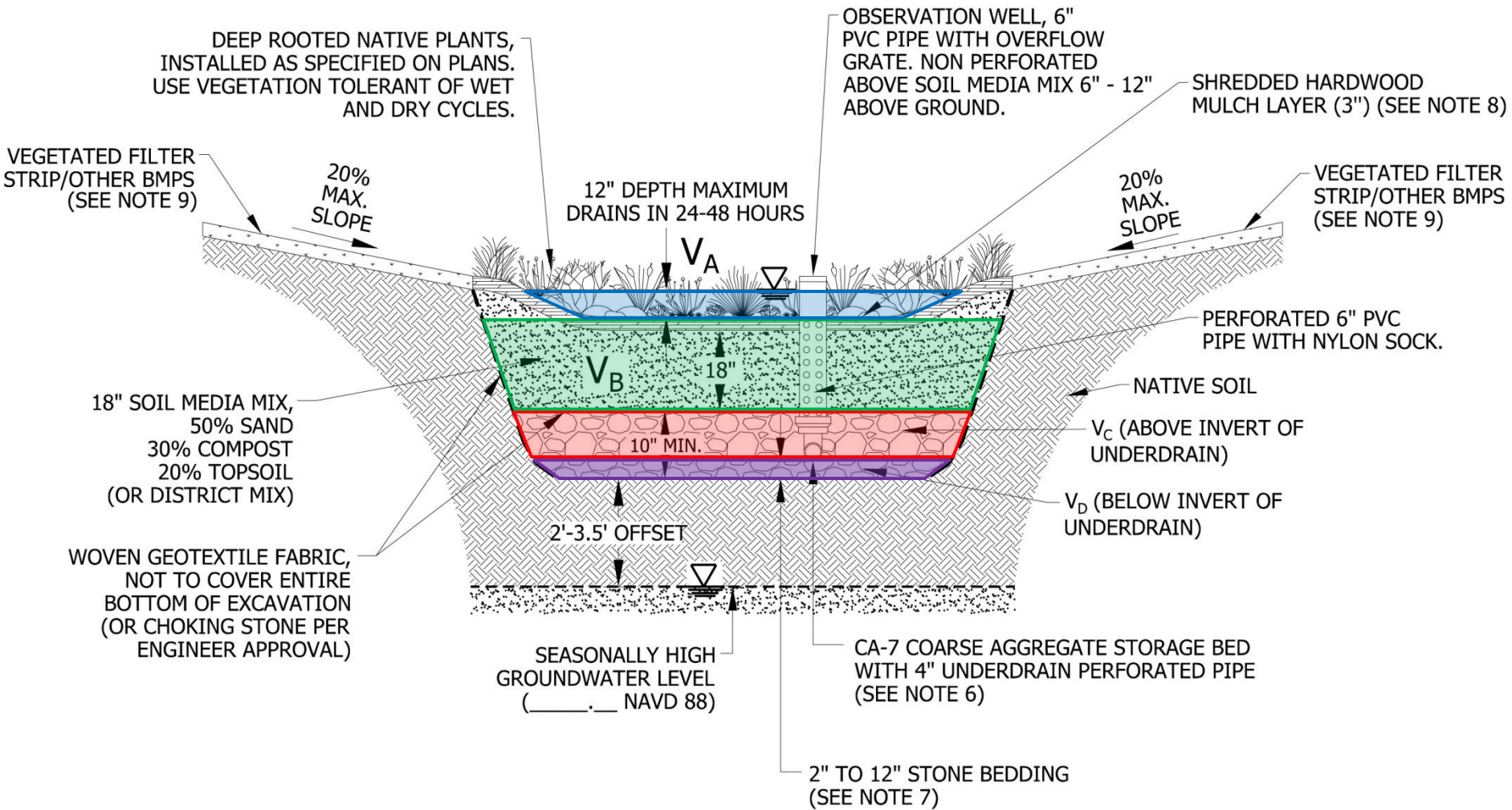


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# Does an existing conventional wet pond satisfy Volume Control for new Development?

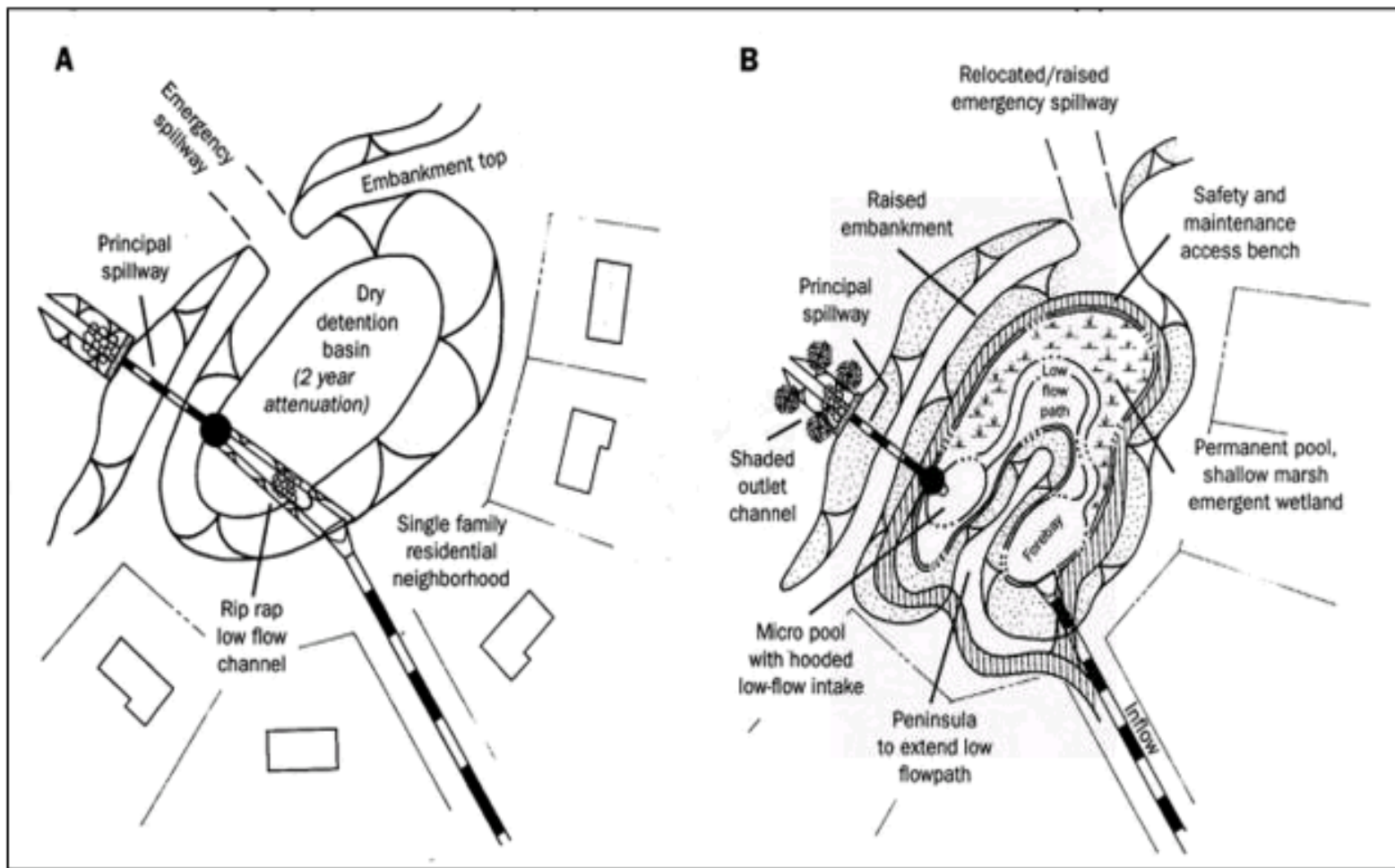
Short answer: **No**



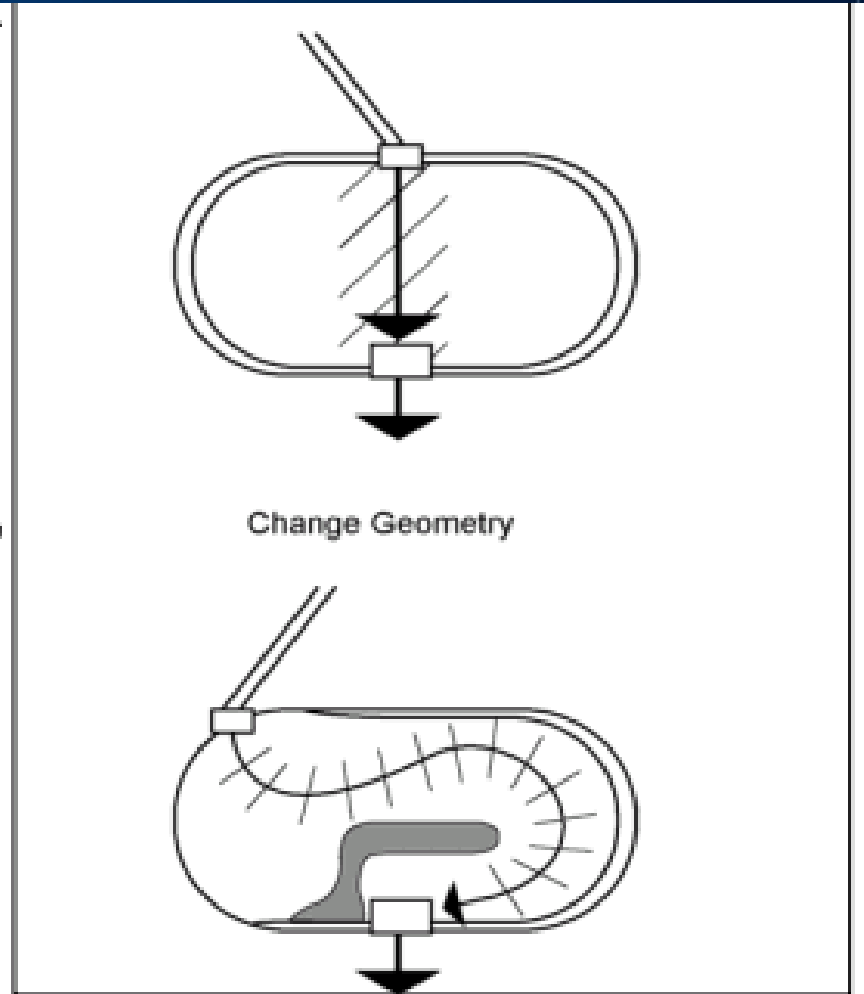
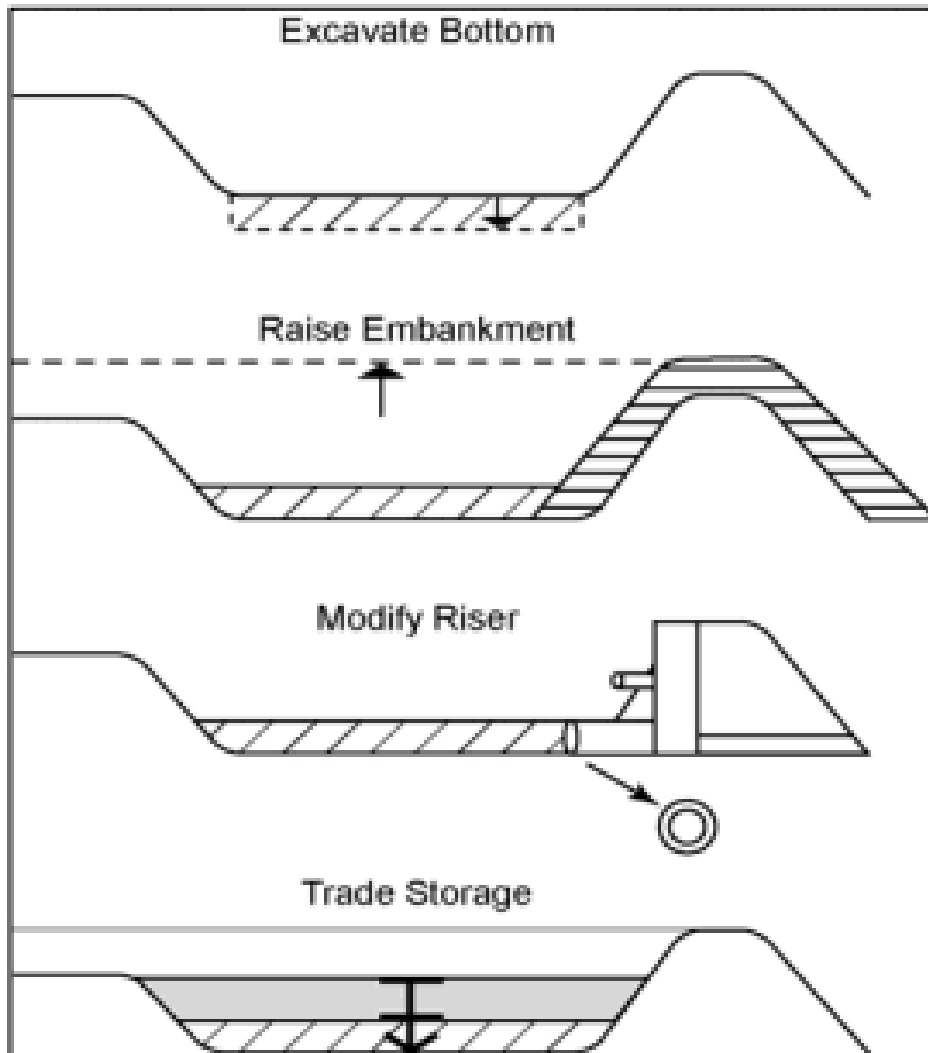
- Is there a new stormwater benefit created?
- Existing systems can be planned for retrofit, **permitted**, and improved to serve new areas



# Volume Control Detention Retrofit



**Figure 8: Schematic showing conversion of a dry pond to a shallow marsh**

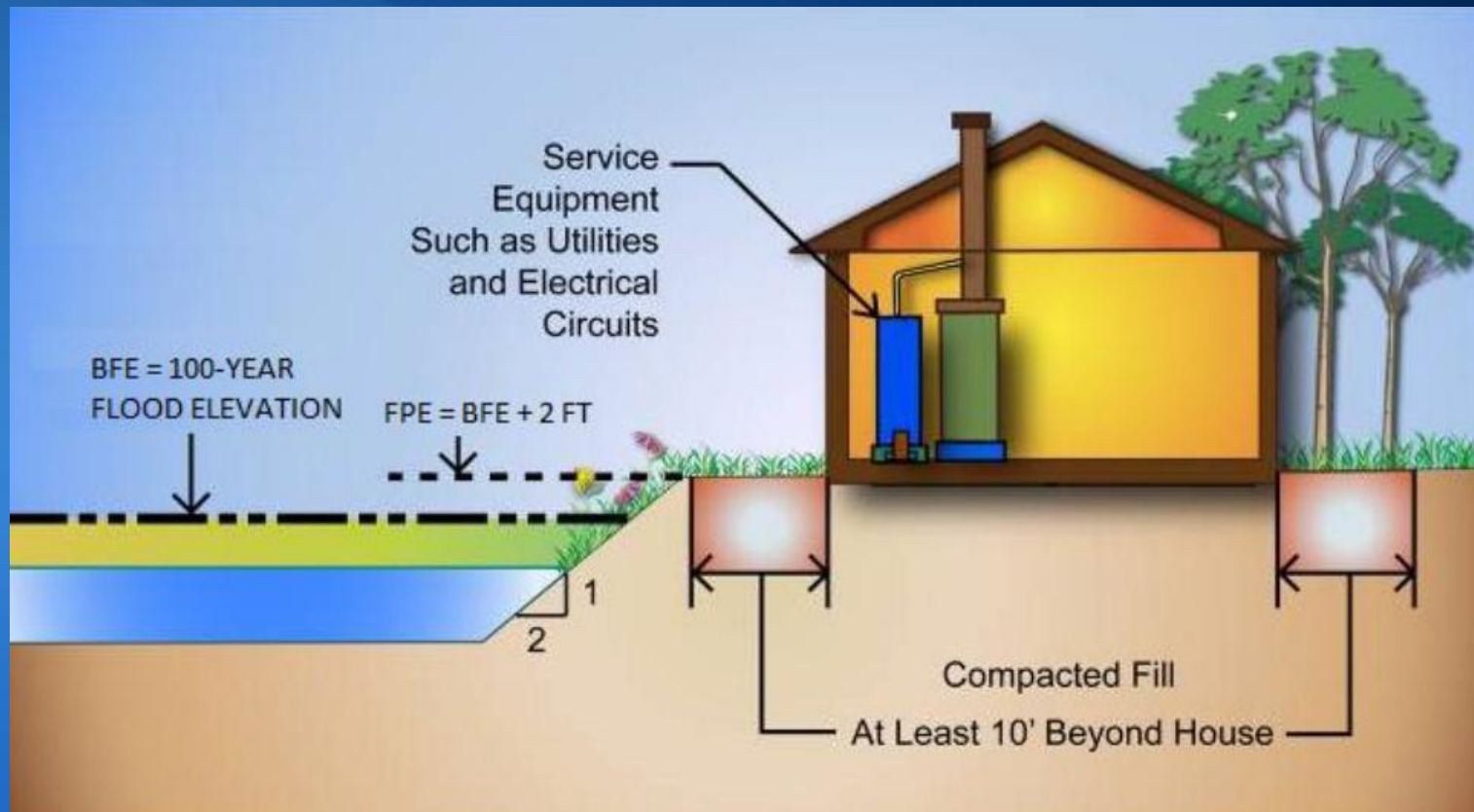


**Figure 1: Five strategies to retrofit a pond**

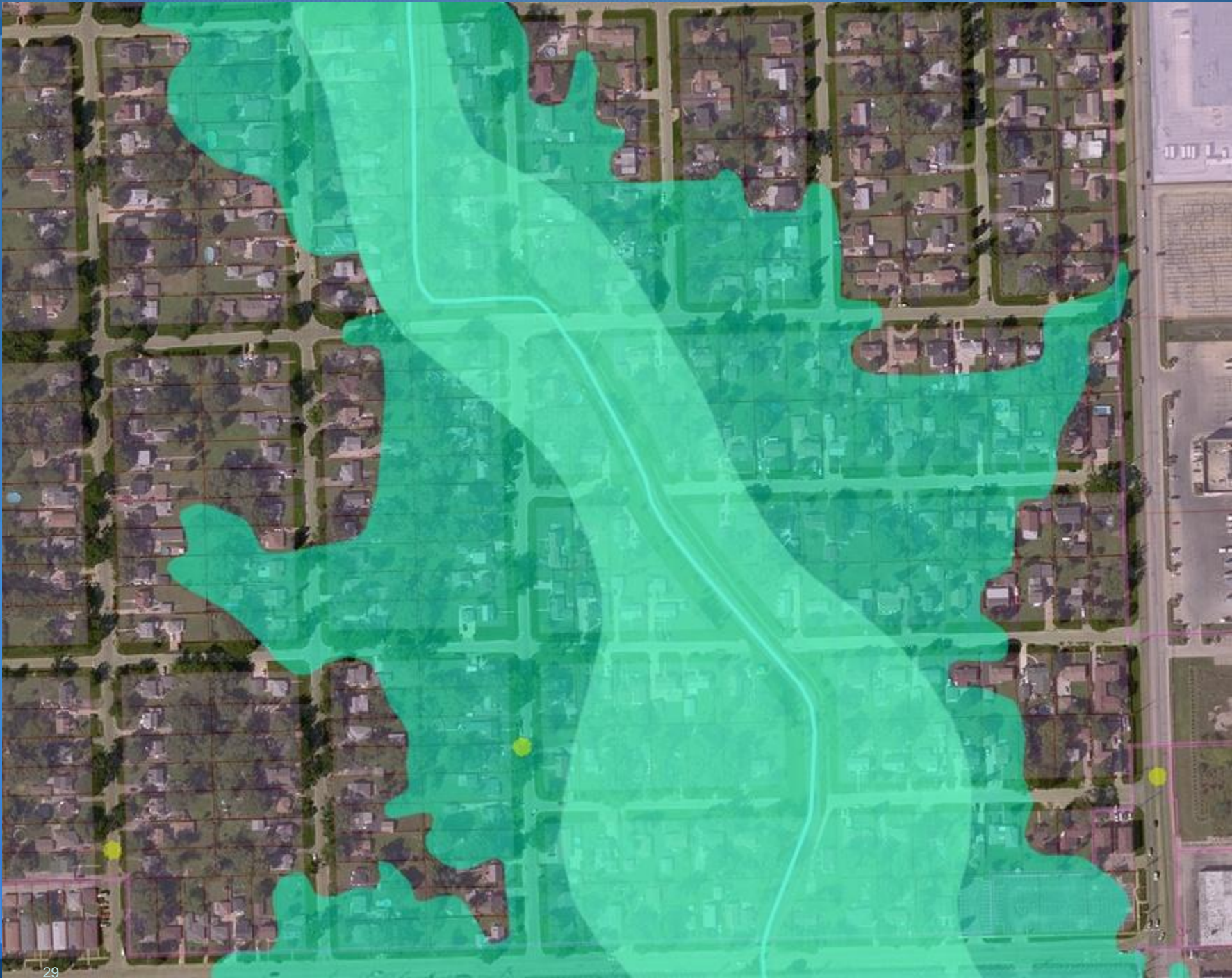
# Floodplain



- **Flood Protection Elevation**
  - $FPE = BFE + 2 \text{ feet}$









**SINGLE FAMILY HOME - SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA (SFHA) PERMIT FORM  
WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE §602**

METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO  
111 EAST ERIE STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60611  
312-751-3260

# Single Family Home SFHA Short Permit Form (Jan 2015)

## New Window Well Detail

- 1. PROJECT INFORMATION**     New Construction     Foundation Expansion
- Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Description of Project: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address of Project: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Municipality (Township, if unincorporated): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parcel Area: \_\_\_\_\_ acres    Related MWRD Sewer Permit and/or Watershed Management Permit Number, if known: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA (SFHA) INFORMATION**  
 Provide the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel number(s) and Map Revised date(s) for the single family home parcel: \_\_\_\_\_

Based on the most current FEMA FIRM, check all conditions that apply:

- Parcel is within 100 feet of Zone A (unstudied) floodplain  
 Parcel is within 100 feet of Zone AE (defined) floodplain  
 Parcel contains regulatory floodway

Provide a copy of the FEMA FIRM showing the boundary of the single family home parcel.

- 3. BASE FLOOD ELEVATION (BFE)**  
 BFE (rounded to nearest tenth of a foot): \_\_\_\_\_ ft, NAVD88    Waterway: \_\_\_\_\_

List the source of the BFE for the subject parcel:

- Cook County Flood Insurance Study (FIS)  
 MWRD Detailed Watershed Plan study  
 Project-Specific Floodplain Study

Provide the profile for the BFE source listed above.

- 4. SINGLE FAMILY HOME ELEVATION (MUST BE 2 FEET ABOVE BFE)**  
 Provide the lowest floor elevation for the proposed single family home (rounded to nearest tenth of a foot): \_\_\_\_\_ ft, NAVD88  
 Provide the lowest entry elevation for the proposed single family home (rounded to nearest tenth of a foot): \_\_\_\_\_ ft, NAVD88

Provide an exhibit showing the BFE clearly delineated on site-specific topography for the subject parcel, along with the lowest floor and lowest entry elevation shown for the proposed single family home. If applicable, show limits of regulatory floodway on the subject parcel.

- 5. COMPENSATORY STORAGE (EQUAL TO AT LEAST 1.1 TIMES VOLUME LOST BELOW BFE)**

Floodplain Fill (cubic feet)	Compensatory Storage Provided (cubic feet)
0 - 10 Year	0 - 10 Year*
10 - 100-Year	10 - 100-Year*
0 Total	0 Total**

\*Must be at least 1.0 times the floodplain fill    \*\* Must be at least 1.1 times the floodplain fill

- 6. CERTIFICATION BY PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER OR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR**  
 This application and the drawings, together with other data in this application, have been examined by me and are found to be in compliance with all applicable regulations contained within the Watershed Management Ordinance.

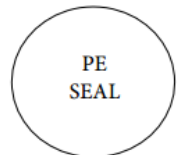
Certified by:  Municipality     Design Engineer

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

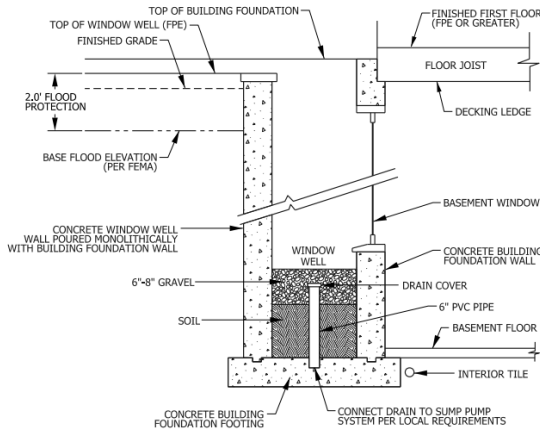
Municipality or Engineering Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



- 7. PERMITTEE (MUNICIPALITY)**  
 This project is considered a substantial improvement.  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. CO-PERMITTEE (PROPERTY OWNER)**  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

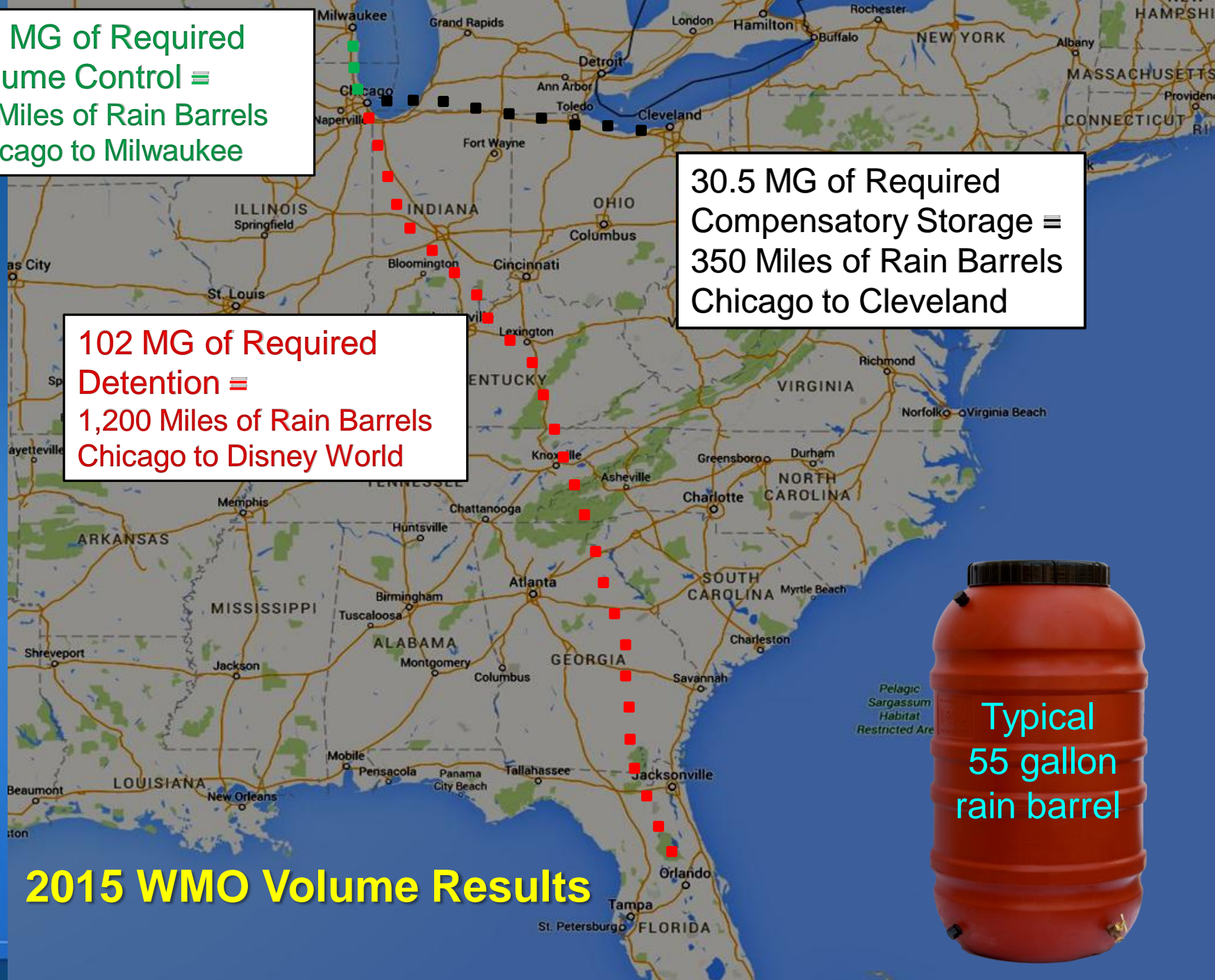


- NOTE:  
 1. FINISHED FIRST FLOOR AND LOW-ENTRY ELEVATIONS MUST BE ELEVATED AT LEAST TWO FEET ABOVE BASE FLOOD ELEVATION (BFE) PER FEMA.  
 2. LOWEST ADJACENT GRADE TO FOUNDATION MUST BE ELEVATED TO AT LEAST THE BFE AND EXTEND A MINIMUM OF 20 FEET BEYOND OUTSIDE FACE OF BUILDING.  
 3. CHECK BUILDING/FIRE CODE FOR EGRESS WINDOW REQUIREMENTS.
- NOT TO SCALE

7.9 MG of Required Volume Control  $\equiv$  90 Miles of Rain Barrels Chicago to Milwaukee

30.5 MG of Required Compensatory Storage  $\equiv$  350 Miles of Rain Barrels Chicago to Cleveland

102 MG of Required Detention  $\equiv$  1,200 Miles of Rain Barrels Chicago to Disney World



Typical 55 gallon rain barrel

# 2015 WMO Volume Results



# How Large is the Thornton Composite Reservoir?



Typical  
55 gallon  
rain barrel



The TCR will be able to store 7.9 billion gallons of CSO or the equivalent to 144 million rain barrels... enough to circle the earth 3.64 times when laid end to end!





## WMO Prospective Schedule 2016

- Ongoing Advisory Committee Meetings  
Discuss further permitting improvements
- Watershed Specific Release Rate Study
  - Contracted with Illinois State Water Survey
  - Ongoing QA/QC of DWP Models
  - Phase 1 Results, end of 2016  
Pilot Areas: Uppers Salt and Stony Creek
- Improve and shorten permit forms and paperwork
  - 2 copies of permits





# Thank you Questions

**Dan Feltes, P.E., CFM**

[Daniel.Feltes@mwr.org](mailto:Daniel.Feltes@mwr.org)

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 E. Erie Street

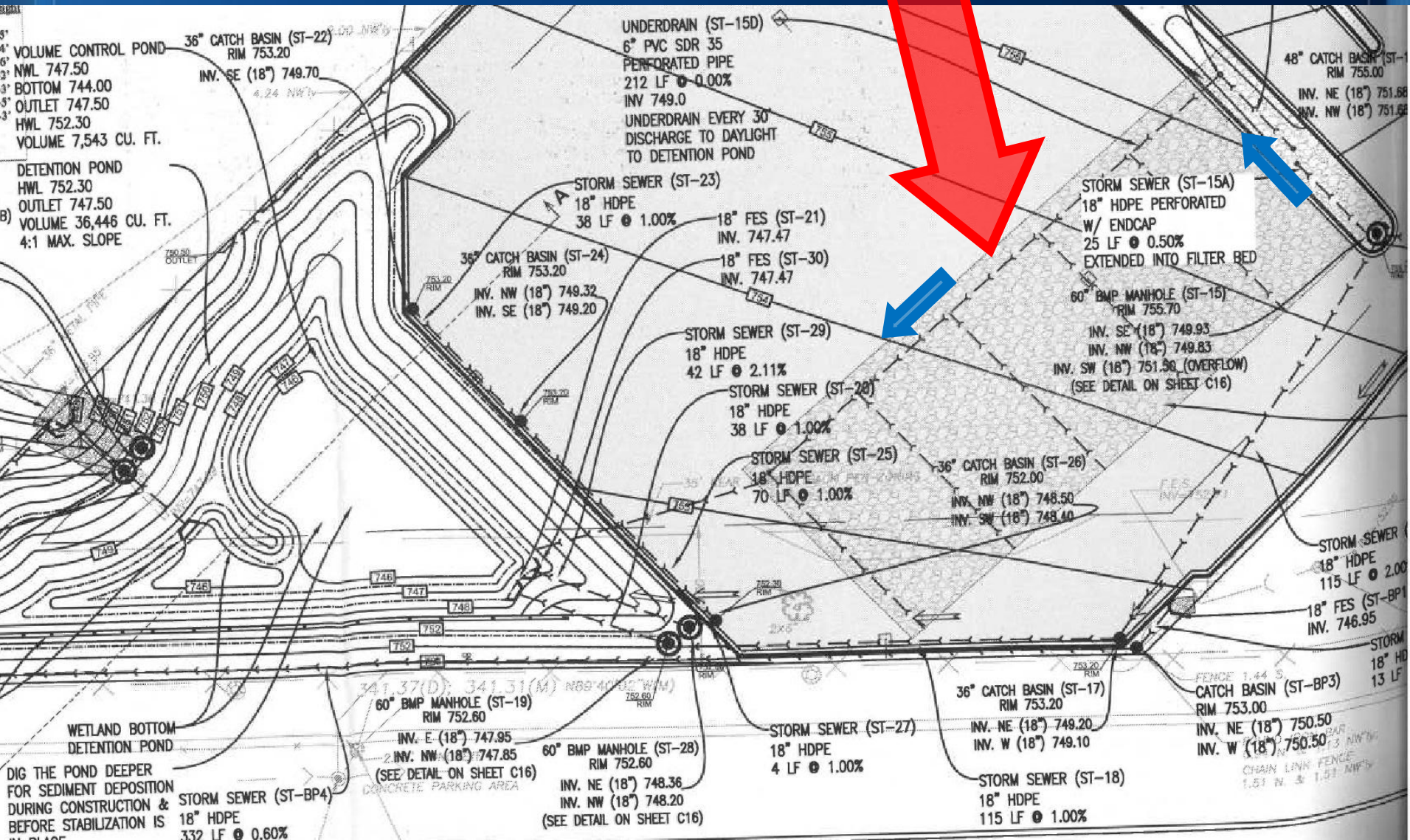
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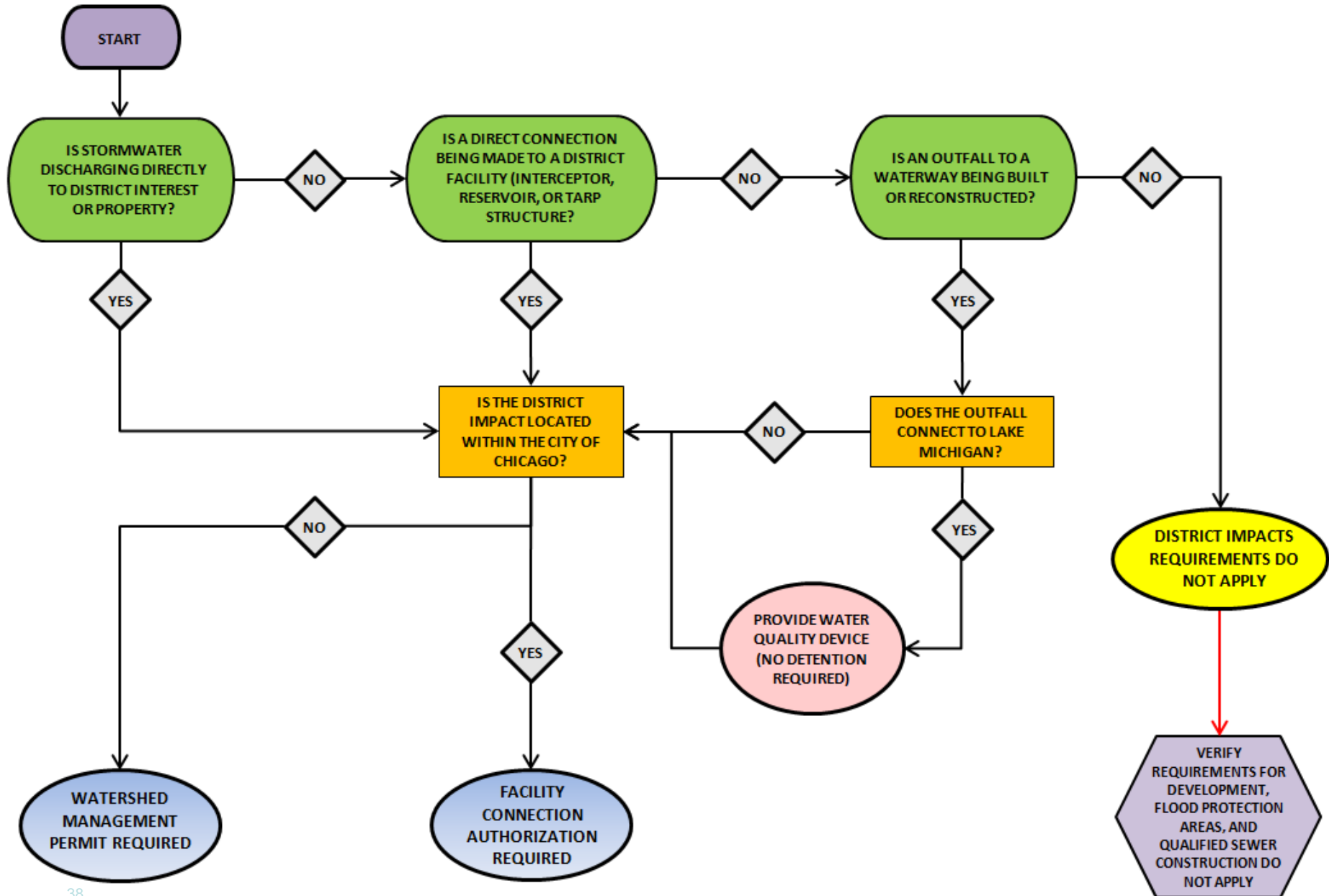
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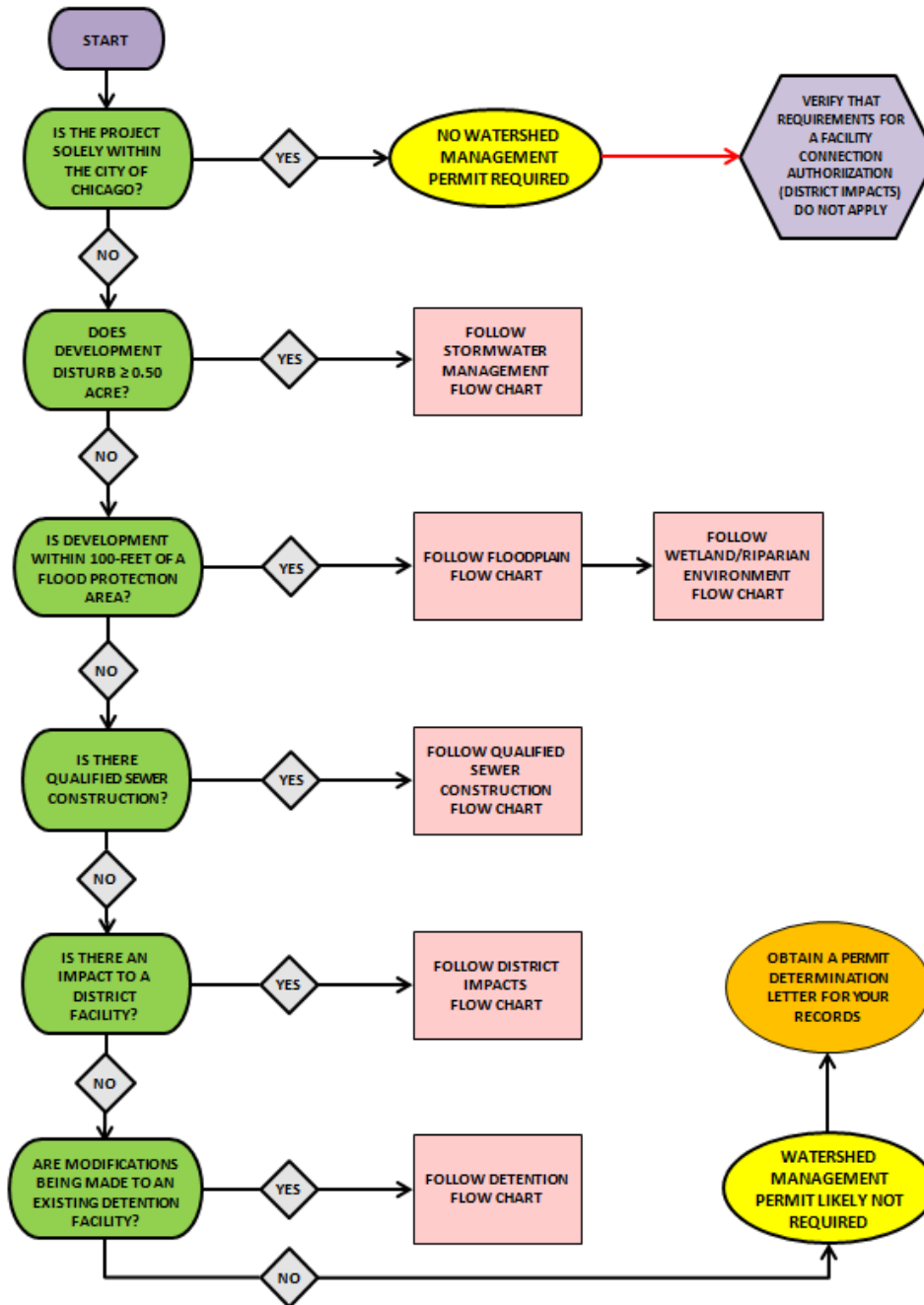




# METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO DISTRICT IMPACTS FLOW CHART

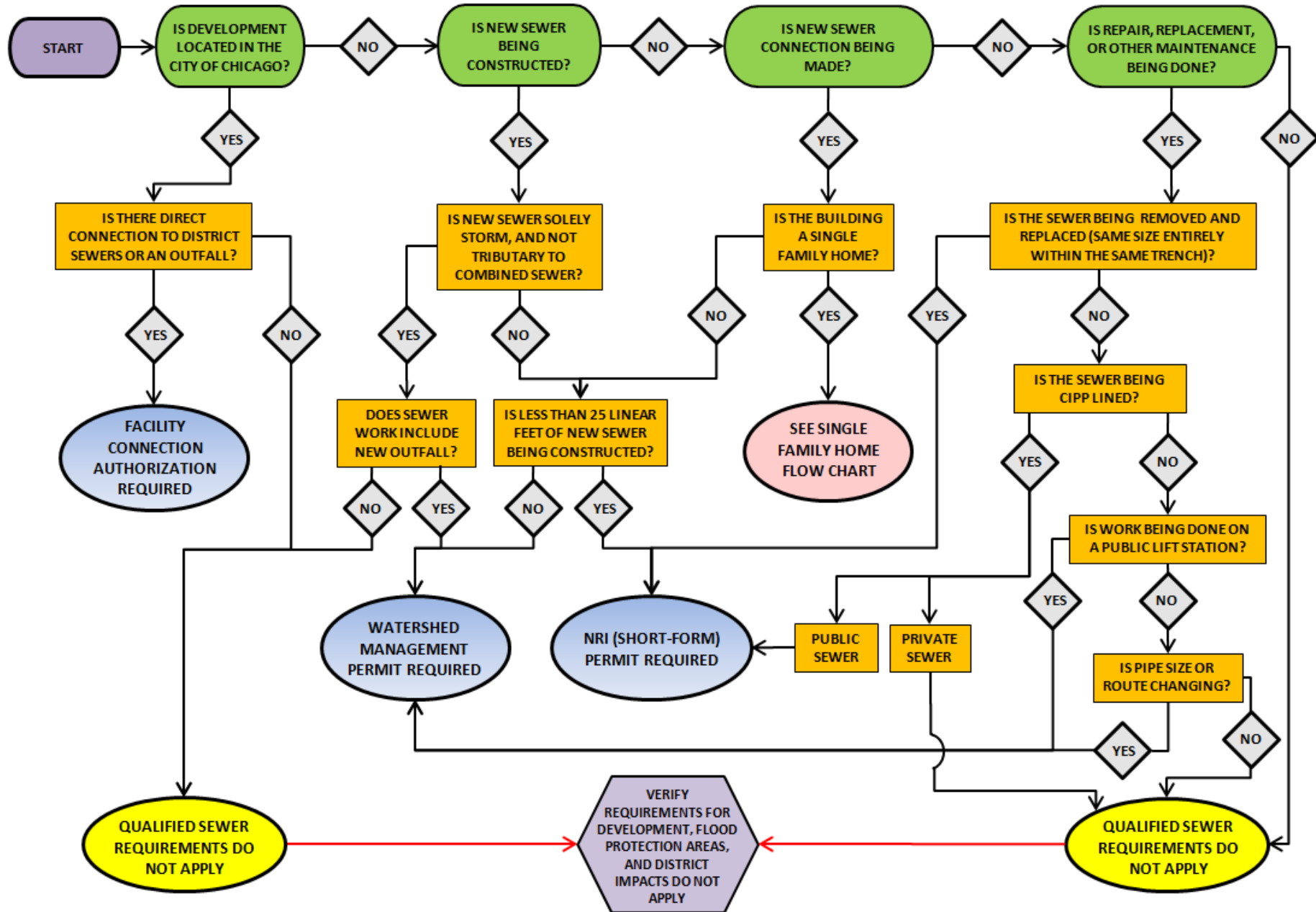


**METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO  
WMO PERMIT APPLICABILITY FLOW CHART**



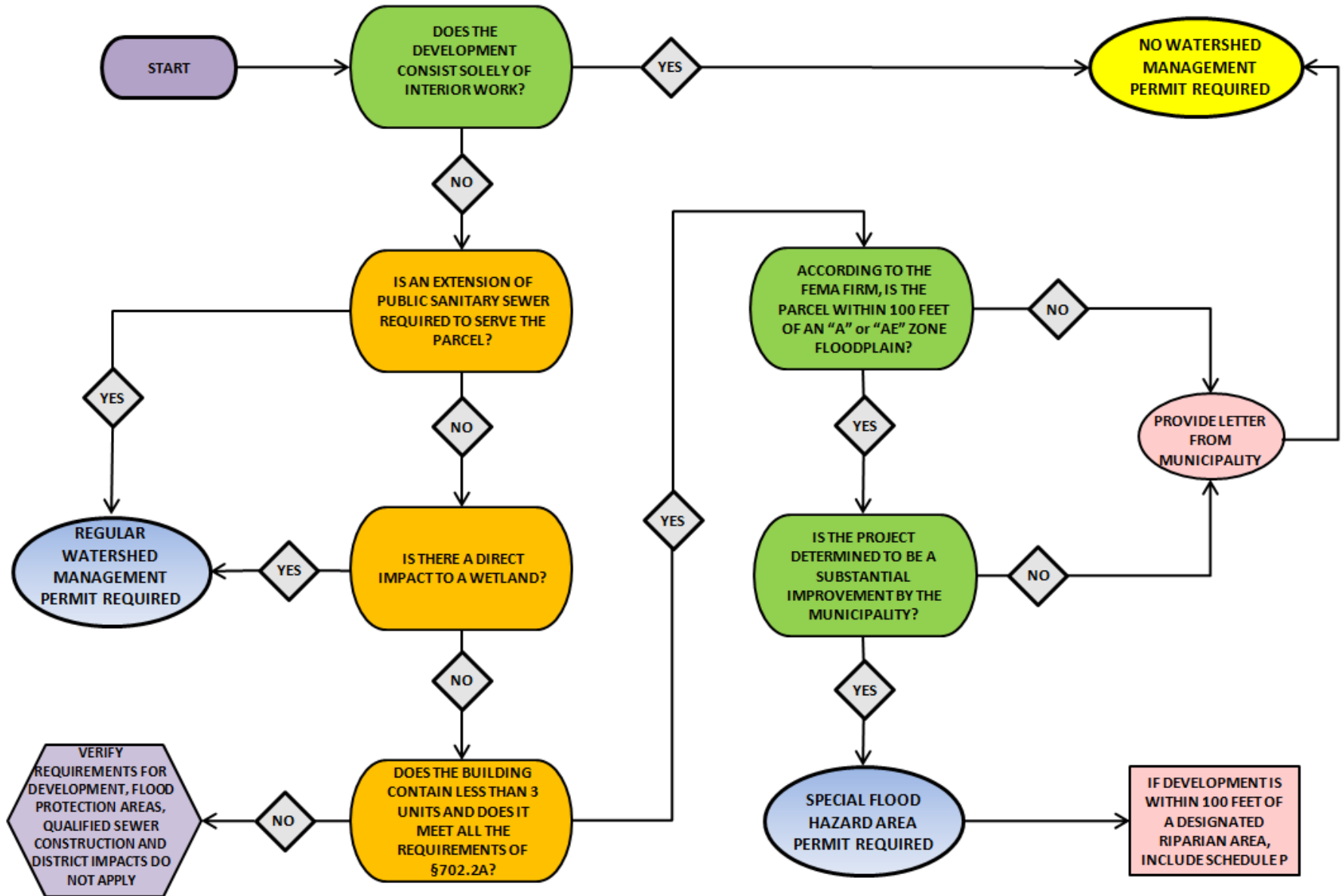


# METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO QUALIFIED SEWER CONSTRUCTION\* FLOW CHART



\*See definition of qualified sewer construction in Appendix A of the WMO.

# METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO SINGLE FAMILY HOME PERMITTING FLOW CHART<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup>Does not apply to single family lots subdivided after May 1, 2014 (residential subdivision), see Appendix A of the WMO for a list of defined terms



# WMO Volume Control Summary

- One inch of volume over total new impervious area
- Can be provided in several ways:
  - Infiltration Trenches
  - Infiltration Basins
  - Porous Pavement (storage in the voids below the pavement)
  - Bio-Retention Systems
  - Dry Wells
  - Cisterns
  - Open Channel Practices Fitted With Check Dams
  - Storage Below the Outlet of a Site Detention Facility
- Credit toward required detention volume (CN reduction)





## WMO Volume Control Summary

- When providing storage in void space of aggregate, stone must be angular cut and cleaned/washed free of fines. Different aggregate sizes are acceptable
- Underdrains are required, and must be offset at least 2" above bottom of volume control storage
- Bottom of storage must be above groundwater level
  - 2 feet in separate sewer areas
  - 3.5 ft in combined sewer areas
  - Highest seasonal groundwater level established through soil borings
- One monitoring well per 40,000 ft<sup>2</sup> of area

# WMO Checklist

## METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO WATERSHED MANAGEMENT (WMO) PERMIT APPLICATION MINIMUM SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

Before the MWRD can accept a Watershed Management Permit application submittal, assign it a permit application number, and initiate engineering review; the submittal must include all the items listed below. Incomplete applications will be returned, unreviewed, to the applicant.

### General Submittal Requirements:

1.  One (1) copy of this form, checked as appropriate
2.  Four (4) copies of the Watershed Management Permit application (Cover, Schedule A, Schedule B, Schedule C, General Conditions, and Engineering Certifications, original signatures with seals)
  - Municipality's (Permittee's) signature on permit form (page 9)
  - Owner/developer's (Co-permittee's) signature on permit form (page 9)
  - Design Engineer's signature and seal on permit form (page 8)
  - Municipal/Systems Engineer's signature and seal on permit form (page 8)
  - Inspection Engineer's signature and seal on permit form (page 8)
3.  Two (2) copies of plan set (signed and sealed), as required to initiate review  
Note that four (4) copies of the plans will be required as part of final permit approval (2 copies + 2 original)
4.  One (1) copy of Fee Payment Voucher form & a check for appropriate fees (no personal checks accepted)
5.  One (1) copy of all completed detailed submittal checklists (as specific to the site and development type)
6.  One (1) copy of all supporting calculations, exhibits, etc., as required by the applicable submittal checklists

If the application submittal is for a project that is on the existing development plans list, check the box below; and refer to Legacy Sewerage System Permit application information and provide appropriate legacy permit forms and checklist.

- Project is on existing development plans list

If you have any questions, please contact MWRD Engineering Department Permit Section at (312) 751-3255.

**For reference, a typical permit schedule package might include the following specific permit schedules, in addition to the base permit application. Circle the example package used as a guide and check the applicable schedule boxes for this application:**

- |   |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|
| <p><b>Development with Stormwater Detention</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Schedule D WMO (or)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Schedule D Legacy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Schedule K &amp; Exhibit A</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Schedule R &amp; Exhibit R</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Schedule P</li> </ul> | <p><b>Sanitary Sewer Only</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Schedule K</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Schedule O (Direct)</li> <li style="text-align: center;">or</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> NRI only</li> </ul> | <p><b>Development with Floodplain and Wetlands</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Schedule D WMO (or)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Schedule D Legacy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Schedule K &amp; Exhibit A</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Schedule L (if undetained area)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Schedule H</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Schedule P</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Schedule R &amp; Exhibit R</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Schedule W</li> </ul> | <p><b>Storm Sewer Only (ROW, no parcel development)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Schedule O (for outfall)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Schedule P</li> </ul> |
|---|--|--|--|

## RUNOFF CURVE NUMBER ADJUSTMENT CALCULATOR

### Site Information:

Total Site Area,  $A_w$  (ac) =

Total Impervious Area,  $A_i$  (ac) =

Runoff,  $R$  (in) =

$P$  = rainfall depth (in) =

CN =

$S$  =

Runoff Volume Over Watershed,  $V_w$  (ac-ft) =

### Volume of GI Provided:

Control Volume,  $V_R$  =  ac-ft

1" of volume over impervious area

Additional Volume,  $V_{GI}$  =  ac-ft

Additional volume over the required 1"

Adjusted Volume Over Watershed,  $V_{ADJ} = V_w - V_R - V_{GI}$

$V_{ADJ}$  (ac-ft) =

Adjusted Runoff Over Watershed,  $R_{ADJ} = \frac{V_{ADJ}}{A_w}$

$R_{ADJ}$  (in) =

$S_{ADJ}$  =

Adjusted CN for detention calcs,  $CN_{ADJ}$  =

\*Blue values are entered by user

# CN Reduction Calculator





# Role of an Authorized Municipality

- **Issue permits for development activities in § 201.1**
  - Development within Flood Protection Areas (FPA)
  - Development impacting wetlands
  - Substantial improvements to buildings in regulatory floodplain
  - Development disturbing more than 0.5 acres  
(with some exceptions)
- **Perform inspections to ensure compliance with WMO**
- **Establish fees**



# Authorized Municipalities shall not issue permits for

- **Development activities listed in § 201.2**
  - Areas within CSA, tributary to combined sewer or waterway
  - Qualified sewer construction
  - Direct connection to District infrastructure
  - New outfall to waterways or Lake Michigan
  - Existing detention facility
    - Alters service area
    - Modifications
  - Discharging stormwater directly to District property
  - Non-residential on septic or private system connecting to sanitary sewer

# Authorization Procedure

## Letter of Intent

- Template Available from WMO website
- Legal opinion
- Verified financial statement
- Implementation plan
- Schedule of permit fees
- Exhibit showing corporate limits and CSA
- Contact information sheet

Month XX, Year

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

Dear Dr. O'Connor:

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

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

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

Street Address  
City, State ZIP

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

Municipal Executive





# Annual Reporting

- SSOs and basement backups:
  - Summary of all SSOs and basement backups, not including those caused by collapse/blockage solely on the private service lateral
  - Maintain records of all SSOs and basement backups (example form in TGM)

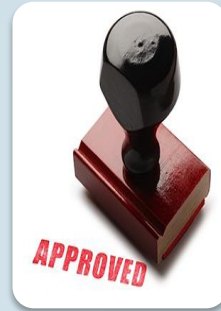
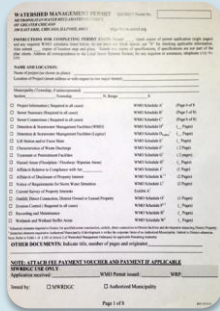
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March 1, 2015	2014	ICAP Annual Summary Report
March 1, 2016	2015	Short Term Requirements Annual Summary Report
March 2017 - 2020	2016 - 2019	Short Term Requirements Annual Summary Report. Once completed use Long Term O&M Annual Summary Report
March 2021	2020	Long Term O&M Annual Summary Report



# Multi-County Municipalities

- **May adopt adjacent county stormwater ordinance**
- **Process**
  - Letter of intent
  - Adoption of adjacent county ordinance
  - Intergovernmental Agreement
- **Permits**
  - Municipality issues permits for activities in Section 201.1
  - District issues permits for activities in Section 201.2

# Under the Current SPO MWRD Involvement in Project



**Design Project**

**Apply for MWRD Permit**

**Mobilize**

**Obtain Permit**

**Substantial Completion**

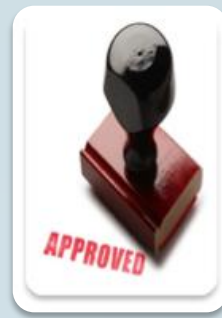
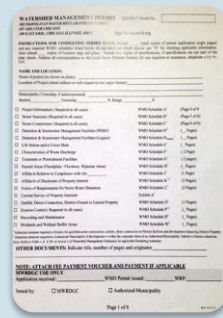
**MWRD Inspect**

**Occupancy**





# Under the Current SPO MWRD Involvement in Project (expedited)



**Design Project**

**Mobilize**

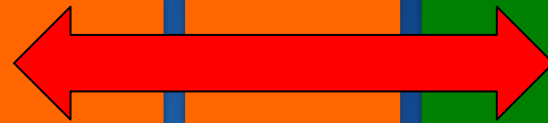
**Substantial Completion**

**Apply for MWRD Permit**

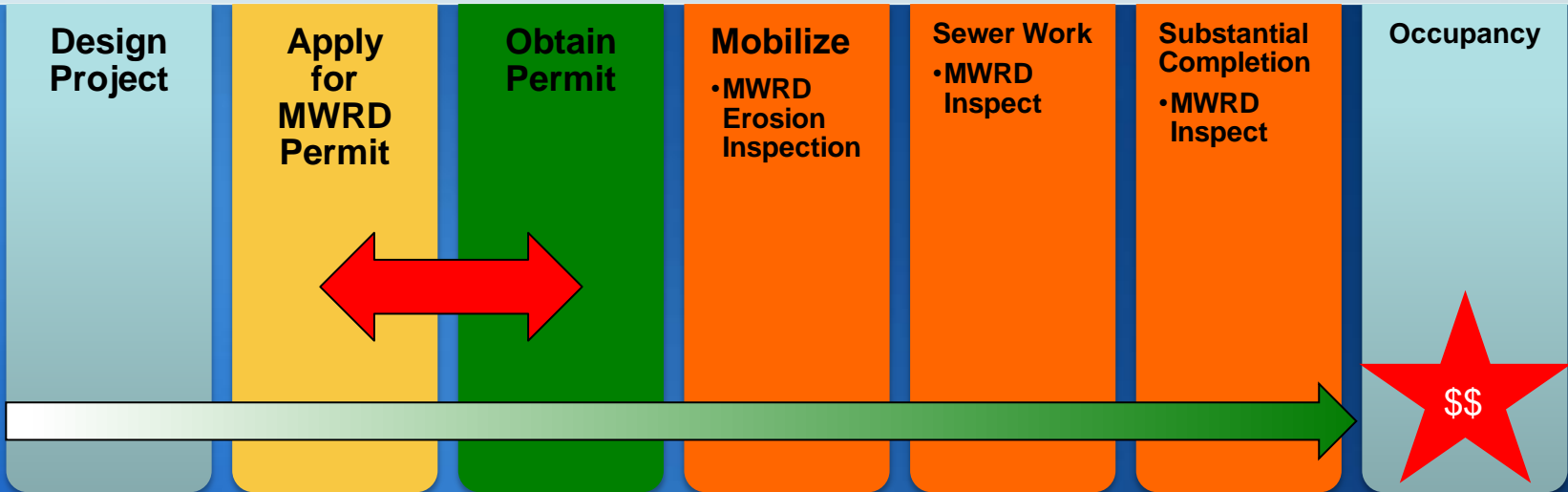
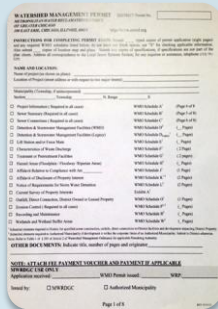
**MWRD Inspect**

**Obtain Permit**

**Occupancy**



# Under the Coming WMO MWRD Involvement in Project





## Frequently Asked 'Key' Questions

- ✧ Is the WMO really effective May 1, 2014?

**Yes**

- ✧ How do I get on the existing development plans list, aka the 'grandfather' list? When is it due?

**Contact your municipality or township, List due by 5/1/14**

- ✧ When will WMO training be provided?

**Third and fourth week of April**

- ✧ How long will it take to obtain a WMO permit?

**That depends on what is submitted...**

**Initial submittal response : 15 working days / 30 for complicated  
10 working days for resubmittal**







## Frequently Asked 'Key' Questions

- ✧ Is there a deadline to submit a letter of intent to become an authorized municipality?  
**There is no deadline**
- ✧ Will the District's inundation maps be used to establish the FPE?  
**No, refer to FEMA regulatory floodplain maps (FPE = BFE + 2')**
- ✧ How do I provide detention according to the new WMO standards in a high density downtown area?  
**Detention trading is a final option, but lots of flexibility**
- ✧ When will the snow melt and this record breaking winter end?  
**May 1, 2014**



# MWRD SEPARATE SEWER AND COMBINED SEWER AREAS

## LEGEND:

-  Separate/Unsewered area, 508.5 sq. mi.
-  Combined Sewer area, 375 sq. mi.

