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Barrington, IL 60010

To: Mr. Marty McLaughlin, President
Mr. Bob Kosin, Director of Administration
Ms. Anna Paul, Village Clerk ✓
Village of Barrington Hills

December 12, 2017

Dear Partner;

We have accomplished the update of the Flint Creek Watershed plan and it is time to look ahead to 2018 and the opportunities and challenges that will present themselves in the coming year. I would like to introduce Faye Sinnott to the partners as the next coordinator of the Flint Creek/Spring Creek Watershed Partnership. Faye brings a wealth of experience and energy that will benefit the partners in the coming years.

What we discovered in updating the Flint Creek Plan is that our communities and partners are hard at work protecting our water resources that afford us healthy lives, beautiful neighborhoods and cleaner stormwater issues. Together, the Flint Creek Watershed has accomplished nearly 90 projects all designed to protect our water quality. Projects ranged from large-scale restoration of wetlands and streams, to education for residents and faulty storm sewer repairs. Each of these was accomplished to enhance our quality of life and protect our watershed. We are a unique watershed because we embrace this lifestyle and invest our own finances to make these things happen.

Enclosed please find the invoice for dues for the Watershed partnerships for 2018. As we look to the coming year there are many advantages that the watershed partnership affords your community. After updating the plan it is now time to implement! Faye will help your communities find partners, funding and opportunities to help make implementation possible and continue your great work. The benefits of your membership are particularly important because of the potential for funding even with the changing political climate.

The Barrington Area Council of Governments communities have financially benefitted from watershed plans and funding in the past ten years. The Villages of Lake Barrington, North Barrington, and Barrington have received funding in excess of \$500,000 for plans that were included in the initial project and Barrington Township has a current project that has been funded for \$110,000 because these projects were identified in the past watershed plan. Without these projects being listed in existing plans, the funding would not have been awarded.

Meetings this year will be held February 13, March 13, May 8, July 10, September 11, and November 13. Meetings are held at 10am in our partners headquarters or the Barrington Library. We welcome hosts and ideas for upcoming meetings as well.

There are several advantages to being involved in the watershed partnership:

- Participation counts as education for MS4 permits
- Your projects included in the plan will be eligible for SMC and IEPA Section 319 funding
- Watershed plans can be used for planning guides for community decision making
- Permit applications request watershed information
- Free professional advice from our partner contractors is available

Our goal as we move forward is to provide a valuable partnership for all of our partners and we welcome you to bring your projects to meetings for discussion or presentation and to let your stakeholders know about the watershed meetings as well. It has been a pleasure serving as the interim Coordinator and I know Faye will be a wonderful asset for our partners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nancy Schumm".

Nancy Schumm
Partnership Coordinator