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**TO:** Watershed Management Ordinance (WMO) Stakeholders

**SUBJECT:** Amendment to the Watershed Management Ordinance

The WMO regulates development within Cook County and sewer construction within the service area of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (District). On May 2, 2024, the District's Board of Commissioners adopted an amendment to the WMO. Please be advised that the amended WMO is in effect immediately, and all WMO permit applications received after May 2, 2024, are subject to the amended version of the WMO.

This amendment includes a new provision that will eliminate the requirement of a Jurisdictional Determination letter from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) for wetlands within 100 feet of development.

The amended WMO and information about upcoming public information sessions about the amendment are available on the District's website at [mwr.org/wmo](http://mwr.org/wmo). If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Mr. Stephen Kaszonyi at [KaszonyiS@mwr.org](mailto:KaszonyiS@mwr.org).

Very truly yours,

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