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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Wastewater Committee

FROM: Dawn Thompson

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RE: Facility Planning Area Revised Procedures Manual

CMAP has reevaluated its role in executing the FPA process to determine how it might better fulfill the role of water quality management in northeastern Illinois. As such, CMAP has revised the existing FPA Procedures manual to align the FPA process to implement GO TO 2040. (Both the original and draft manuals are available at <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/water-quality/about-fpa-requests>). The draft manual modifies the review procedures for Criteria 2, 4, 7 and 8 to reflect GO TO 2040 priorities and eliminates the remaining criteria. It also streamlines the review process to avoid duplication of efforts between CMAP, Illinois EPA, and other agencies. Specifically, the manual states that an FPA amendment request should be consistent with CMAP's regional forecasts. Its aim is to ensure that wastewater and other "gray infrastructure" expansion does not come at the expense of the regional green infrastructure network and that water conservation efforts are implemented throughout the region. It addresses criteria that would assist CMAP in maintaining its role in helping local governments resolve disagreements over their responsibilities for providing wastewater service and encourage intergovernmental cooperation. Lastly, the manual considers whether an amendment request is consistent with other county and regional plans, namely Go To 2040.

Thus far, CMAP has solicited comments from the Illinois EPA, CMAP's Land Use Committee, CMAP's Environment and Natural Resources Committee, and numerous designated management agencies and interested parties on the revised manual. A summary of comments received to date may be found by visiting <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/wastewater-committee/minutes>.

The Wastewater Committee is encouraged to provide feedback, especially in response to the following questions:

**Questions:**

1. What “trigger” should the FPA manual include to assure protection of the regional green infrastructure network?
2. What procedures should be developed to allow additional CMAP Committees (i.e. Environment and Natural Resources, Land Use) to be included in the review of FPA amendment applications with significant regional impact?
3. Should wastewater impacts on downstream communities be considered as part of the FPA review (i.e. groundwater recharge, flooding)?
4. Are there any additional ways to align the FPA process to implement Go To 2040 that have not already been identified?