



POLICIES & REGULATIONS

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The Calumet Stormwater Collaborative repository policies and regulations section provides accessible resources related to stormwater regulations, policy, and ordinances. Hyperlinked names take you to each resource.

Regulatory Requirements		
Name	Organization	Description
<u>Illinois Drainage Law</u>	University of Illinois	Describes the legal principles related to drainage for the entire state of Illinois, including guidelines for erosion and sediment control, requirements to obtain a permit to construct in streams or floodways, and federal wetlands provisions.
<u>Joint Permit Application</u>	Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Joint permit application instructions and forms for construction projects in Illinois waterways, floodplains and wetlands.
<u>Watershed Management Ordinance</u>	Metropolitan Water Reclamation District	The Watershed Management Ordinance (WMO) regulates qualified sewer construction, drainage and detention, volume control, floodplain management, wetland and riparian protection, and erosion and sediment control and applies to all development within Cook County and qualified sewer construction within MWRD's boundaries or service agreement areas.
<u>WMO Technical Guidance Manual</u>	Metropolitan Water Reclamation District	This manual provides information about MWRD's Watershed Management Permit process, including the types of permits, information required to complete the application, and examples of successful applications.

Policy Documents		
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<u>Better Site Design</u>	Center for Watershed Protection	This document provides tools, exercises, and models for adapting local development rules and regulations to protect natural resources.
<u>Green Infrastructure Opportunities that Arise During Municipal Operations</u>	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	This document outlines approaches that local governments can use to incorporate green infrastructure into capital improvements.
<u>Green Infrastructure Portfolio Standard</u>	American Rivers, Center for Neighborhood Technology, Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative	An approach that local governments can employ to reduce runoff volumes and pollutant loads in urban or developed areas.
<u>Local Water Policy Innovation: A Road Map for Community Based Stormwater Solutions</u>	American Rivers	Outlines how a municipality can improve stormwater management.
<u>Managing Wet Weather with Green Infrastructure Municipal Handbook Series</u>	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	A step-by-step guide to expanding green infrastructure in communities.
<u>On the Road to Reuse: Residential Demolition Bid Specification Development Tool Report & Factsheet</u>	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Highlights environmental issues associated with residential demolitions and outlines practices to incorporate into the demolition contracting process to achieve better environmental outcomes.



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Model Ordinances and Checklists		
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<u><i>Flood Resilience Checklist</i></u>	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Checklist of strategies to improve flood resilience, encourage land conservation, discourage development on river corridors, and protect people from vulnerable flood areas.
<u><i>Model Water Use Conservation Ordinance</i></u>	Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning	Model ordinance created for counties and municipalities in the Chicago region looking to develop or revise a water use conservation ordinance.
<u><i>National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System</i></u>	Federal Emergency Management Agency	The Community Rating System is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements.
<u><i>Plan Integration for Resilience Scorecard</i></u>	Texas A&M University	Scorecard to evaluate plans based on their ability to increase or decrease hazard vulnerabilities for the planning area.
<u><i>Statewide Model Stormwater Ordinance</i></u>	Illinois Department of Natural Resources	Model ordinance for stormwater management developed for the State of Illinois. This document is a guideline only as the MWRD WMO has regulatory authority.
<u><i>Tree Preservation Ordinance and Management Plan Templates</i></u>	Chicago Region Trees Initiative	Website with templates that counties, local governments, or other government entities can use to develop a forest management plan and tree preservation ordinance for developed areas.
<u><i>Water Quality Scorecard</i></u>	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Scorecard to review local codes and ordinances to ensure that they work together to support a green infrastructure approach to stormwater management and development.