

# Planning & Policy Work Group

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**Work Group Purpose:** The Planning and Policy work group will focus on creating and implementing effective planning practices and policies that advance the integration of stormwater best management practices in the region.

**Work Group 2016 Impact Statement:** Develop guidance on the integration of stormwater best management practices into various community planning and project work, and explore policy avenues to advance improved stormwater management.

### Initiatives:

- Develop a repository of resources on best practices and key considerations for communities on how to implement stormwater management into their community planning and capital improvement projects.
- Review the Urban Flooding and Awareness Act report and identify possible policy recommendations to pursue.
- Provide input to CMAP on its development of a white paper for communities in how to incorporate stormwater management into land use plans.
- Support the piloting of UIC's participatory planning tool for green infrastructure in communities.
- Weigh-in on the exploration research being done about the use of vacant land as a stormwater management opportunity.

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## Urban Flooding Awareness Act Initiative

- Review of community-scale recommendations
- Identified three priority activities:
  - Encourage adoption of Cook County Hazard Mitigation Plan by all Calumet Communities.
  - Develop a summary of municipal-scale UFAA recommendations for distribution and coordinate with E&E subgroup on most effective methods.
  - Find funding for communities to update their storm sewer atlas with storm sewer location, infrastructure sizes and design data.

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## Stormwater Repository Initiative

**Purpose:** To provide CSC members with a well-curated online repository of best practices and key considerations aimed at equipping Calumet communities to implement better stormwater management practices in their community and capital improvement planning to reduce flood risk and improve water quality.

This repository will include resources created by CSC member organizations, CSC work group initiatives, and well-utilized external resources.

**Audience:** CSC members (primary), non-participating Calumet communities and other organizations (secondary)

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## Stormwater Repository Initiative

### **Potential Categories:**

- Existing multi-jurisdictional plans
- Policies, ordinances, and regulatory requirements
- Design guidance and other stormwater strategies
- Training and maintenance\*
- Education and engagement\*
- Data and modeling\*
- Monitoring
- Financing

\*Category resources to be coordinated with relevant work groups

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## Stormwater Repository Initiative

- How do you see you or your organization using it?
- Does the target audience make sense?
- Does the structure make sense?