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**DUPAGE COUNTY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT  
421 N. COUNTY FARM ROAD  
WHEATON, IL 60187**

**GENERAL CERTIFICATION  
PERTAINING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF  
POSTS, FENCING, AND GUARD RAILS  
IN A FLOOD PLAIN OR BUFFER**

**PURPOSE**

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 15-32, of the DuPage County Countywide Stormwater And Flood Plain Ordinance (Ordinance) the Director, or Administrator in a Waiver Community, may issue General Certifications (GCs) which, when found applicable to the particular circumstances of a development, will serve as the Stormwater Management Certification for the development activity, or a portion of the development activity. The purpose of a GC under the Ordinance is to provide a simplified and expeditious means to review and certify activities that meet the requirements of the Ordinance by following the specified terms and conditions described within the GC. This GC provides certification under the Ordinance and is only valid upon approval by the Director or Administrator for a specific project. The Director or Administrator shall make the final determination as to whether a project meets all the terms and conditions of this GC. If a project does not meet all of the terms and conditions of this GC, an individual certification shall be required per the Ordinance. This GC shall remain in effect until such time that it is modified, suspended or revoked by the Director or Administrator.

**APPLICABILITY**

This GC applies to the construction of posts, fencing, and guard rails as defined in the Ordinance within a regulatory flood plain and/or buffer. Applicants seeking to use this GC shall submit a stormwater management certification application with the required supporting information and obtain a building permit or other local jurisdiction authorization prior to commencing a proposed development activity.

**COORDINATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES**

This GC does not supersede nor relieve any responsibility to obtain other federal, state or local permits or jurisdictional authorizations.

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## **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

1. The applicant shall comply with all rules, regulations and provisions of the Ordinance unless specifically modified or specified in this GC.
2. The minimum stormwater submittal and design requirements shall be as delineated below in the Submittal Requirements and the Special Conditions & Design Requirements sections of this GC. Other items may be required by the Director or Administrator to demonstrate compliance with the Ordinance.
3. In a non-waiver or partial waiver community, authorization is required from the Director for work in a flood plain, wetland or non-turf grass buffer area. If required, site wetland boundaries shall be demarcated in the field and verified by an Environmental Scientist representing the County, or the Complete Waiver Community. Mitigation measures may be required for any impacts. Any significant impact, based on the opinion of the Director or the Administrator, may be judged to be beyond the scope of work that may be authorized by this GC.
4. All disturbed areas are to be seeded, sodded, or planted with other vegetation as approved by the Director or Administrator; if seeded, the restored area must be protected with erosion control measures until the vegetation has been established and the ground is stabilized.
5. Minor temporary stockpiling of materials or fills with the flood plain may be allowed. The Director or Administrator may place limits on how long and where the temporary stockpiling can take place.
6. Construction activities shall commence within one hundred eighty (180) calendar days after the issuance of any local permit or jurisdictional authorization otherwise this GC shall be null and void. If in the opinion of the Director or the Administrator conditions existed beyond the control of the applicant preventing construction activities to commence, additional time may be granted beyond the one hundred eighty (180) calendar day time limit.
7. A certification under this GC expires one (1) year following the date of certification issuance unless extended in accordance with Section 15-32 of the Ordinance.
8. A security as required in accordance with Article VI of the Ordinance may be waived by the Director or Administrator.

## **SPECIAL CONDITIONS & DESIGN REQUIREMENTS**

The following conditions and minimum design requirements must be met for this GC unless waived by the Director or Administrator:

1. Existing posts, fencing and guard rails may be removed; the voids filled to an elevation no higher than existing adjacent grade and disturbed areas restored with vegetation.
2. Existing posts, fencing and guard rails within the flood plain may be replaced or repaired in kind if they comply with the requirements below. Posts and guard rails within buffers may be replaced or repaired in kind.

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3. No new posts may be added within the normal channel of any river, lake or stream.
4. Signs, support structures and fences in flood plain shall be non-obstructive to flood flows.
5. No fill except posts and supports up to two (2) feet in diameter may be placed within the regulatory floodway or flood fringe or wetlands.
6. Only fences accessory to recreational facilities shall be permitted in regulatory floodways. Fences allowed in the regulatory floodway shall be parallel to the direction of flow and shall be at least fifty percent (50%) open including wind screens.
7. Fences shall not obstruct the natural flow of water within any drainage easement or within a drainage facility constructed as part of a current or previous stormwater permit or certificate. This includes but is not limited to flow through pipes, along berms and over designated overland drainage paths.
8. All fence work in wetland or non-turf-grass buffers must be reviewed by an Environmental Scientist with expertise in County and Federal wetland regulations. A letter describing any impacts shall be attached to the General Certification application. Work shall not degrade the functions of the buffer.

## **SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS**

The applicant shall provide the Director or Administrator with a minimum of the following information unless waived by the Director or Administrator:

1. Stormwater certification application form.
2. Project description.
3. An exhibit annotated to show the limit of the proposed development contemplated drawn to an engineering scale, including any future planned improvements and limits of floodway, flood plain and verified wetland boundaries on the lot and access.
4. Proposed location of site access, if heavy equipment is used.
5. A soil and erosion control plan meeting the requirements of the Ordinance and showing the proposed method of ground stabilization.
6. Construction details including type, width and material of supports and dimensions.