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

**GENERAL CERTIFICATION  
PERTAINING TO THE  
CONSTRUCTION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES  
NOT LOCATED IN A WETLAND**

**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 or installation of recreational facilities, including those in a regulatory flood plain and/or a buffer area, but not those in a wetland as defined in the Ordinance. For such projects located partially or completely in the flood plain, this general certification may be used as long as there is no resulting increase in grades in a flood plain. 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. Recreational facilities covered by this GC includes, but is not limited to, those items identified in Attachment A. Other items found in a recreational facility are covered under other GC's.
2. All existing recreational facilities may be removed and replaced and the adjacent area restored with vegetation to an elevation no higher than existing adjacent grade.
3. Recreational facilities listed in Attachment A may be installed above grade if they meet the following conditions:
  - a. This general condition does not authorize any earthwork. There shall be no net loss of flood plain storage.
  - b. If in a buffer, the project shall have no more than a minimal impact.

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- c. All above grade facilities must be properly anchored to prevent movement during flooding conditions.
4. All access to the site for construction work is to be by the existing driveway or other access point authorized in writing by the Director or Administrator. No other access to the site may be used.

## **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.
4. Current elevations and limits of the flood plain and floodway, and verified wetland and buffer boundaries on the above exhibit.
5. Proposed location of site access, if heavy equipment is used.
6. A soil and erosion control plan meeting the requirements of the Ordinance and showing the proposed method of ground stabilization.

## **Attachment A**

1. Permanent garbage and recycling containers
2. Ball washers
3. Disc golf tee pads at grade and baskets
4. Playground equipment
5. Permanent benches and tables

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6. Bike racks
7. Shelters, gazebos, pavilions, and covered walkways which are open wall facilities (enclosed portions may be flood vented or enclosed with fencing or screening that is at least 50% open)
8. Ball field amenities, including backstops, dugouts, scoreboards, bleachers and bleacher pads, equipment boxes, goal posts, soccer goals, and related equipment
9. Gates and bollards
10. Lighting
11. Fitness stations
12. Sand boxes
13. Bird and animal feeders
14. Bird houses
15. Pet waste stations