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

**GENERAL CERTIFICATION
PERTAINING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF UTILITIES**

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 construction and maintenance of utilities for development activity having only a minor temporary impact to flood plain, buffer, or wetland. A utility is any pipeline used to transport a gaseous, liquid, liquefiable or slurry substance for any purpose, and any cable, line or wire used to transmit electrical energy, telephone, radio signals, television signals or data communication. 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.

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. Permanent impact to flood plain, wetland, or buffer areas is not authorized by this GC. Activities under this GC are strictly limited to development activity having only a temporary impact to flood plain, buffer and/or wetland.
2. Consultation with an environmental scientist will be required for work in or impacts to buffers unless the work or impact has been determined by the Director or Administrator to be minor.
3. The construction shall not result in any change in existing ground elevations.

4. In buffers and wetlands, the excavated areas shall be backfilled with native soil in the same stratification in which the soil was removed.
5. Timber/composite matting or other approved equivalent and/or low compaction equipment must be utilized when access is necessary within wetland and buffer areas.
6. Upon completion of the project, permanent vegetative cover within wetland and/or non-turf buffers shall be equivalent to or of higher quality than the pre-disturbance vegetation.

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 to an engineering scale annotated to show the limit of the proposed development contemplated; limits of any floodway and flood plain, verified wetland boundaries, or buffers; planned access routes; and any future planned improvements.
4. Construction details including type, material and dimensions.
5. A soil and erosion control plan meeting the requirements of the Ordinance.
6. Where applicable, a complete wetland delineation report in accordance with Section 15-48.A.1 of the Ordinance.
7. Representative photos of all temporarily impacted wetland and buffer areas prior to disturbance.
8. When required for wetland or non-turf buffer areas, an appropriate native seed list to be installed within the areas of temporary disturbance.
9. FEMA DFIRM and RFM maps, with site location identified.
10. A contingency plan for frac-out for any directional borings.
11. Cost estimate for sediment & erosion control and revegetation.
12. Copies of all applicable federal, state, and local permits, or appropriate delegation letters.
13. Upon project completion, the applicant shall provide photo documentation to the Administrator showing that all disturbed areas have been restored and the ground has been stabilized with appropriate vegetation.