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Acronyms and Abbreviations

ABM	Articulated Block Mat
AMC	Antecedent Moisture Conditions
B/C	Benefit to Cost Ratio
CAWS	Chicago Area Waterway System
CBBEL	Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.
CCHD	Cook County Highway Department
CCPN	Cook County Precipitation Network
CCSMP	Cook County Stormwater Management Plan
CCTA	Cook County Tax Assessor
cfs	cubic feet per second
CIP	Capital Improvement Program
CMAP	Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
CN	Curve Number
CWA	Clean Water Act
DEM	Digital Elevation Model
DFIRM	Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map
District	Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
DWP	Detailed Watershed Plan
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FFE	first floor elevation
FGCS	Federal Geodetic Control Subcommittee
FIS	Flood Insurance Study
FPDCC	Forest Preserve District of Cook County
GIS	Geographic Information System
GPS	Geographic Positioning System
H&H	Hydrologic and Hydraulic
HARN	High Accuracy Reference Network
HEC-DSS	Hydrologic Engineering Center Data Storage System
HEC-HMS	Hydrologic Engineering Center Hydrologic Modeling System
HEC-RAS	Hydrologic Engineering Center River Analysis System
IDNR	Illinois Department of Natural Resources
IDOT	Illinois Department of Transportation
IEPA	Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
ISWS	Illinois State Water Survey
LCSMC	Lake County Stormwater Management Commission
LiDAR	Light Detection and Ranging
LM	Lake Michigan

LOMR	Letter of Map Revision
MWH	MWH Americas, Inc.
NAVD 88	North American Vertical Datum, 1988
NBCR	North Branch Chicago River
NED	National Elevation Dataset
NFIP	National Flood Insurance Program
NGS	National Geodetic Survey
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service
NSC	North Shore Channel
NWI	National Wetlands Inventory
PCB	Polychlorinated Biphenyl
ROW	Right-of-Way
SCS	Soil Conservation Service
STATSGO	State Soil Geographic
TMDL	Total Maximum Daily Load
TSS	Total Suspended Solids
USACE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture
USEPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
USGS	U.S. Geological Survey
WMO	Watershed Management Ordinance
WPC	Watershed Planning Council
WSEL	Water Surface Elevation

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Executive Summary

Background

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (District) has authority for regional stormwater management within Cook County as granted by the Illinois General Assembly in Public Act 93-1049 (the Act). The Act requires the District to develop watershed plans for six Cook County watersheds, which include the North Branch of the Chicago River, Lower Des Plaines River, Calumet-Sag Channel, Little Calumet River, Poplar Creek, and Upper Salt Creek. The District published the *Cook County Stormwater Management Plan* (CCSMP) in February 2007 to identify stormwater management goals and to outline the District's approach to watershed planning. Chapter 6 of the CCSMP defines the District's approach to and standards for Detailed Watershed Plans (DWPs), which address regional stormwater problems in Cook County. The six major watersheds for which DWPs are being developed cover approximately 730 square miles in Cook County. The primary goals of the DWPs are as follows:

- Document stormwater problem areas.
- Evaluate existing watershed conditions using hydrologic and hydraulic (H&H) models.
- Produce flow, stage, frequency, and duration information about flood events along regional waterways.
- Estimate damages associated with regional stormwater problems.
- Evaluate potential solutions to regional stormwater problems.

The North Branch of the Chicago River (NBCR) and Lake Michigan (LM) DWP was developed to meet the goals for the NBCR and LM watersheds as described in the CCSMP. The Act required the formation of Watershed Planning Councils (WPCs) to advise the District during development of its countywide stormwater management program; therefore, the DWPs were developed in coordination with the WPCs. Membership of the WPCs consists of the chief elected official of each municipality and township in each watershed, or their designees. Many municipalities and townships are represented by engineers, elected officials, or public works directors. WPC meetings are also open to the public. Frequent coordination with WPCs was performed to ensure that local knowledge is integrated into the DWP and the DWP reflects the communities' understanding of watershed issues as well as the practicability of proposed solutions.

Detailed Watershed Plan Scope

The scope of the NBCR and LM DWP includes the development of stormwater improvement projects to address regional problem areas along open waterways. Regional problems are defined as problems associated with waterways whose watersheds encompass multiple jurisdictions and drain an area greater than 0.5 square miles. Problems arising from capacity issues on local systems, such as storm sewer systems and minor open channel ditches, even if they drain more than one municipality, were considered local and beyond the scope of this study. Erosion problems addressed in this plan were limited to active erosion along regional waterways that pose an imminent risk to structures or critical infrastructure. Interstate highways, U.S. highways, state routes, county roads with four or more lanes, and smaller roads providing critical access that are impacted by overbank flooding of regional waterways at depths exceeding 0.5 feet were also considered regional problems.

Watershed Overview

The NBCR and LM watersheds are located in northeastern Cook County and drain an area of over 120 square miles that includes 20 communities. Figure ES.1 is an overview of the NBCR and LM watersheds.

The NBCR watershed area is a heavily urbanized area, characterized by low relief, with small portions of forest preserve and park areas. It is drained principally by the West and Middle Forks of the NBCR, the Skokie River, and the North Shore Channel, which all discharge into and/or combine to form the NBCR. The downstream limit of the NBCR is at the confluence with the Chicago River and South Branch of the Chicago River near West Lake Street in downtown Chicago.

The LM watershed within Cook County is located along the west coast of LM and generally extends west to the ridge along Green Bay Road. This watershed area is heavily developed and characterized by greater topographic relief. The LM watershed consists of seven ravines which drain east into Lake Michigan. The LM watershed ravines are included, along with the NBCR and the tributaries that flow into and/or combine to form it, within the scope of NBCR and LM DWP.

Existing Conditions Evaluation

Locations with historic flooding and stream bank erosion problems on regional waterways exist throughout the watershed. Information on existing problem areas was solicited from WPC members as well as federal and state agencies and other stakeholders during the data collection and evaluation phase of the DWP development, which also included the collection of data regarding the watershed and evaluation of the data's acceptability for use. Responses from stakeholders were used to help identify locations of concern, and where field assessment or surveys were needed to support hydrologic and hydraulic modeling.

Hydrologic models were developed to represent runoff generated by rainfall throughout the NBCR watershed. The runoff was then routed through hydraulic models, which were created for the major open channel waterways within the watershed. Design rainfall events were simulated for the 2-, 5-, 10-, 25-, 50-, 100-, and 500-year recurrence interval events based upon Bulletin 71 rainfall data (ISWS, 1992). The simulated water surface profiles were overlaid upon a ground elevation model of the study area to identify structures at risk of flooding.

Property damages due to flooding were estimated using a methodology consistent with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Flood Damage Assessment program. Estimated flood damage resulting from a storm was considered in combination with the probability of the event occurring to estimate an expected annual damage. Erosion damages were assessed for structures or infrastructure at risk of loss due to actively eroding stream banks. Damages reported within this document refer to economic damages estimated over a 50-year period

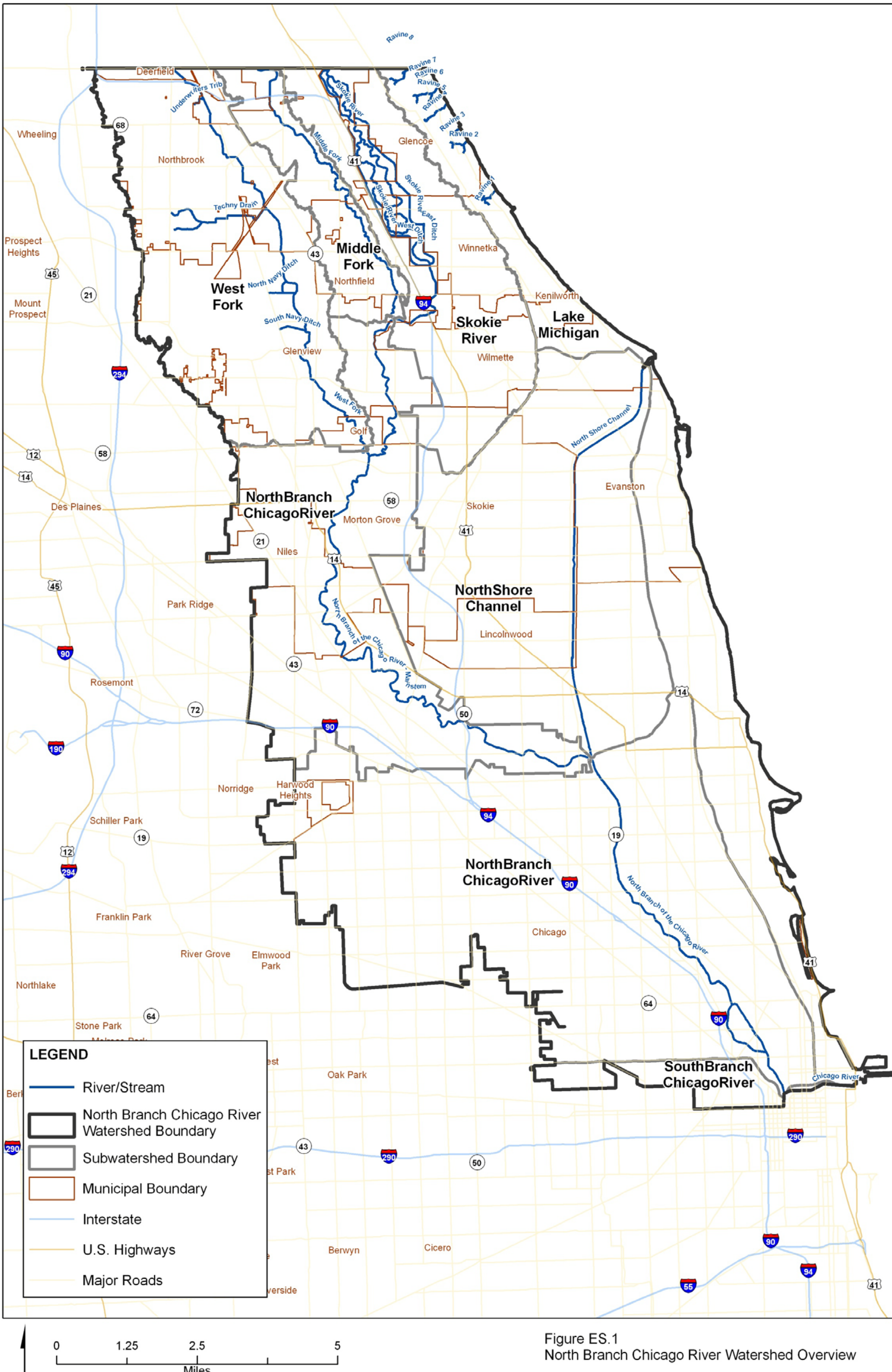

Figure ES.1
North Branch Chicago River Watershed Overview

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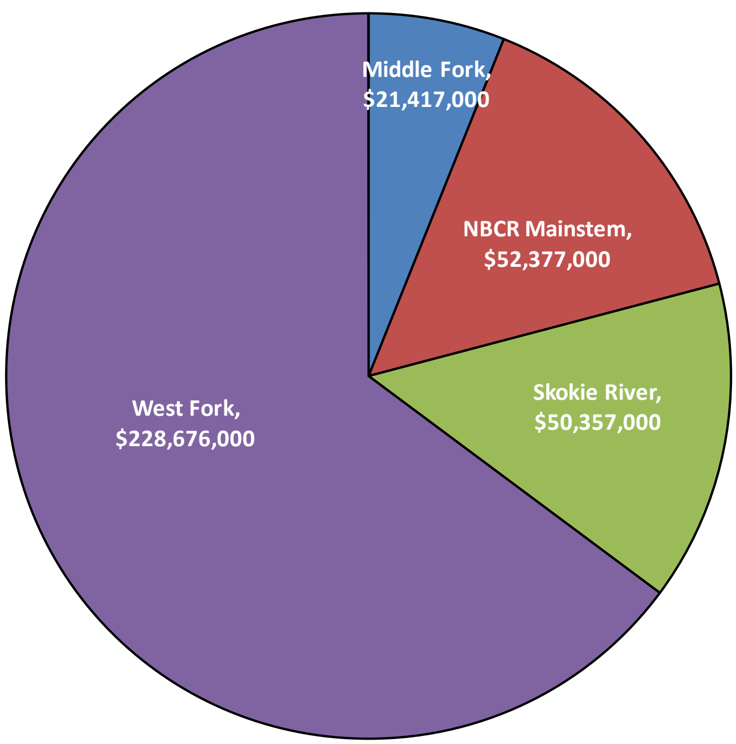
of analysis that result from regional overbank flooding or erosion of a regional waterway. Additional damages throughout the watershed exist, including damages due to flooding from local waterways and storm sewer systems, and also damages not easily quantified in financial terms such as water quality, wetland, riparian, and habitat impact, loss of emergency access, and loss of business or operations due to limited transportation access.

Figure ES.2 summarizes the distribution of existing conditions damages within the NBCR and LM watersheds over a fifty-year planning period. The LM watershed does not have regional damages related to overbank flooding and erosion problems on regional waterways. The West Fork of the NBCR and its tributary waterways comprise of roughly 60 percent of the existing conditions damage within the watershed. The West Fork reach has the second largest tributary area within the watershed, and the relatively dense development within the area subject to flooding combined with the very flat topography of the area resulted in significant damages.

The estimated damages summarized in Figure ES.2 include calculated regional damages related to overbank flooding and erosion problems on regional waterways that threaten structures only and transportation damages. Localized problems, such as storm-sewer capacity issues, are not included in this estimate. Reported problems classified as local are presented in Table 2.2.1 in Section 2.2.1. Also provided in Table 2.2.1 is the reasoning behind classifying the problems as local or regional.

FIGURE ES.2
Summary of Existing Conditions Damages within the North Branch of the Chicago River and Lake Michigan Watersheds over 50-Year Period of Analysis



Evaluation of Alternatives

Stormwater improvements, or alternatives, were developed to address regional stormwater problems along intercommunity waterways. WPC members participated in the alternative development process by providing input on possible solutions and candidate sites for new stormwater infrastructure. It should be noted that the alternatives presented in the DWP are developed at a conceptual level of feasibility.

Hydrologic and hydraulic models were used to determine the benefit of alternative stormwater improvement projects. Models were run and damages were calculated for the existing conditions evaluation. Benefits were calculated for each project as the difference between existing and alternative conditions damages. Only regional financial benefits (e.g., relief of flooding due to a regional problem as defined above) were considered. Local benefits (e.g., improved sewer drainage due to reduced outlet elevation) and non-economic benefits (e.g. improved emergency access, improved wetland, riparian, and habitat, and improved access to businesses) are not included in the benefits. The alternative stormwater improvement projects may have significant local and non-economic benefits. Local benefits are not reported in the DWP, which focuses on regional benefits.

Conceptual level cost estimates were produced to represent the estimated costs for design, construction, and maintenance of a specific alternative over a 50-year period of analysis. The cost estimates were developed using standard unit cost items located within a District database and used for all six watershed plans. In addition, standard markups on the estimated capital costs, such as utility relocation, design and engineering costs, profit and contingency were included.

A benefit-to-cost (B/C) ratio was developed for each alternative, which represents the ratio of estimated benefits to costs. The B/C ratios calculated may be used to rank the alternatives in a relative manner as the District's Board of Commissioners prioritizes the implementation of recommended stormwater improvement projects. Only regional financial benefits were considered in determination of the B/C ratios. The B/C ratios do not include local and non-economic benefits and should not be interpreted to be the sole measure of justification of an alternative. In addition to the B/C ratio, noneconomic criteria such as water-quality impact, number of structures protected, and impact on wetland and riparian areas were noted for each alternative. These criteria may also be considered along with the calculated B/C ratios as the District's Board of Commissioners prioritizes the implementation of recommended stormwater improvement projects.

Recommendations

Alternatives were recommended based upon consideration of their ability to reduce stormwater damages and to address problems reported by communities. Table ES.1 lists the recommended alternatives, their costs, and regional financial benefits. Note that additional benefits to the local systems and non-economic benefits will result from the recommended alternative projects.

Figure ES.3 summarizes the extent to which recommended alternatives address existing regional financial damages within each stream reach, ordered by increasing existing conditions damages. The two line series illustrated on the graph represent existing condition

TABLE ES.1
Recommended Alternatives Summary for the North Branch of the Chicago River and Lake Michigan Watersheds

Project	Category	Description	B/C Ratio	Total Benefits	Total Project Cost	Probable Construction Cost	Cumulative Structures Protected	Communities Involved
WF-03	Erosion Stabilization	Hard armoring of WF east bank along Metra Milwaukee North District RR and Fair Lane between Dundee Road and Cherry Lane.	0.77	$1,550,000	$2,022,000	$1,097,000	3	Metra and Northbrook
WF-06	Detention/Conveyance	Techny Reservoir 32A Expansion into Anetsberger Golf Course and steepening existing side slopes to 3H:1V. Includes inlet weir and restrictor barrel revisions. Adds approximately 1,100 ac-ft of detention storage.	1.26	$146,484,000	$116,088,000	$87,422,000	216	Northbrook Park District, Northbrook, Glenview, Golf, Unincorp. Cook Co.
MF-04	Levee	Flood wall on the east bank of the MF through the Fair Acres/Waters Edge subdivision. Compensatory storage proposed for adjacent Forest Preserve District property (approximately 5 ac-ft).	0.12	$178,000	$1,495,000	$736,000	4	Forest Preserve District of Cook County (FPDCC), Northbrook, Unincorp. Cook Co.
MF-06	Erosion Stabilization	Hard armoring of both banks of MF along Robin Hood Lane, New Willow Road, and Northfield Road.	4.59	$7,391,000	$1,610,000	$873,000	7	Northfield
MF-07	Erosion Stabilization	Hard armoring of MF at Meadowbrook Drive.	1.65	$1,600,000	$971,000	$526,000	3	Northfield
SR-08[1]	Levee	I-94 at Winnetka Road Levees. Construct approximately 1,700 ft of levee along both sides of I-94 near Winnetka Road.[1]	1.35	$7,760,000	$5,761,000	$3,512,000	0	Northfield, IDOT, FPDCC, Cook County Highway Department
MS-10[2]	Levee	Albany Park Floodwall Project. Construct approximately 6,300 ft of floodwall along NBCR between Foster Avenue and Kimball Avenue.	1.51	$24,746,000	$16,402,000	$4,176,000	329	Chicago, Chicago Park District, FPDCC, Private Property Owners
MS-14[3]	Detention/Conveyance	Combination of Alternative Projects MS-12 + MS-13 (Wilmette Golf Course Reservoir + Channel Modification on Main Stem). Addition of a new reservoir on the Wilmette Golf Course (approximately 2,800 ac-ft of storage). Channel modification widens the Main Stem channel by approximately 100 feet (50 ft per side) from the Middle Fork to the West Fork, approximately 18,500 ft.	0.25	$64,431,000	$260,121,000	$185,117,000	1,153	Wilmette Park District, Wilmette, FPDCC, Glenview

1 - SR-08 project addresses overbank flooding of the Skokie River near I-94 (Edens Expressway) and Winnetka Road. For purposes of benefit calculation for SR-08, no other temporary closure of I-94 due to overbank flooding is assumed.
2 - The City of Chicago has expressed a preference for Alternative MS-07, which is described in Section 3.4.3.5. Alternative MS-10 yields a higher B/C ratio and was therefore selected as the recommended alternative for the DWP.
3 - MS-14 project's total benefits includes benefits to the Middle Fork, Skokie River, and Main Stem NBCR subwatersheds. FPDCC and Wilmette Park District have indicated their unwillingness to provide land for this alternative.

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damages and benefits, respectively, for each stream reach. The columns indicate the extent to which recommended alternatives address estimated damages, while the red B/C symbols indicate the combined B/C ratio for alternatives associated with each stream reach. As an example, the recommended West Fork alternatives, WF-03 and WF-06, address roughly 65 percent of estimated damages along the West Fork (indicated by the column), which corresponds to a benefit of approximately $148,034,000. In contrast, the recommended alternative that benefits the Skokie River, MS-14, addresses over 90 percent of the estimated damages along the Skokie River, but this project results in only about $46,996,000 of benefit for the Skokie River reach. Stated simply, areas with lower existing regional financial damages typically show lower benefits from flood control projects.

FIGURE ES.3
North Branch of the Chicago River Watershed Alternative Summary

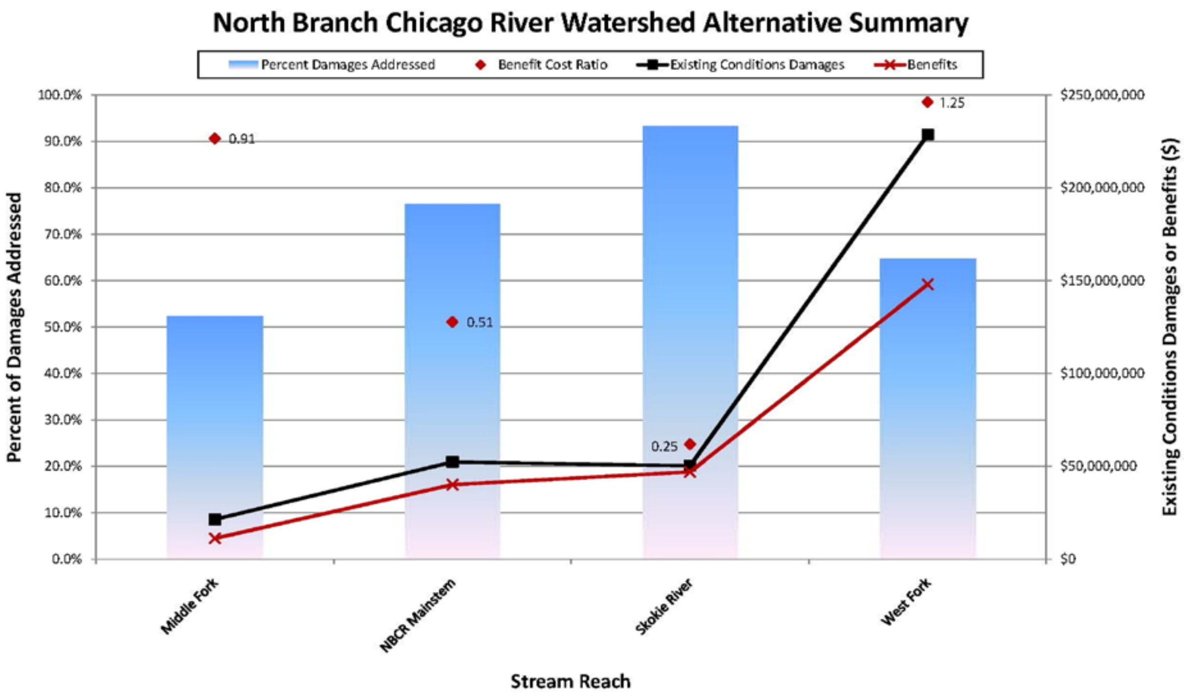


Figure ES.3 Notes:

1. Skokie River stream reach only includes benefits and damages addressed for the MS-14 project due to overlapping benefit with the SR-08 benefit.
2. Benefits, project costs, and damages addressed for the Middle Fork, NBCR Mainstem, and Skokie River stream reaches include results from the MS-14 project. Project costs have been prorated among the three reaches based on benefit percentage to each respective stream reach.

In Figure ES.3, the Skokie River stream reach only reports the MS-14 project's benefits, costs, and percent damages addressed on the Skokie River. MS-14 is the only project reported for the Skokie River stream reach since the Skokie River subwatershed benefits provided by this project are more comprehensive than the SR-08 project, which has been included as a recommended project to serve as an alternative feasible solution to the I-94 at Winnetka Road overbank flooding problem should the MS-14 project not be implemented.

Because the MS-14 project provides benefits to the Middle Fork, Skokie, and NBCR Mainstem stream reaches, the benefits provided by MS-14 for each stream reach were incorporated into the percent damages addressed and B/C ratio for each stream reach. Distribution of project costs for MS-14 between the associated stream reaches was estimated by prorating the MS-14 project costs among the three reaches based on benefit percentage provided by

MS-14 to each respective stream reach. It should be noted that approximately 2,800 acre-feet of stormwater storage is required to realize the benefits of MS-14. The property owners, namely FPDCC and Wilmette Park District, of the potential storage locations have expressed an unwillingness to allow the storage to be provided on their respective properties.

The NBCR DWP integrated stormwater data from a large number of sources in order to identify and prioritize solutions to existing stormwater problems. An extensive data collection effort undertaken for the DWP development included surveying of streams, bridges, and culverts throughout the entire watershed. Field reconnaissance was performed throughout the watershed to understand conditions unique to the watershed. This compilation of current, accurate data was used by the District to document and identify existing stormwater problems throughout the study area.

A large number of alternatives were developed and evaluated for their effectiveness in reducing regional damages within the NBCR watershed. The alternatives listed in Table ES.1 were identified as the most effective improvements for reducing expected damages due to flooding within the watershed. In some tributaries, greater opportunities to reduce regional flooding were identified than in others. Factors such as the lack of availability of land and location of structures relative to stream channels limited the practicality of alternative projects to eliminate all flooding damages for all design storms evaluated.

While some recommended alternatives involve the use of FPDCC property, it is noted that the enabling legislation (70 ILCS 2605/7h (g)) for the District's stormwater management program states "the District shall not use Cook County Forest Preserve District land for stormwater or flood control projects without the consent of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (FPDCC)"; therefore proposed projects involving FPDCC property cannot be implemented without FPDCC's permission. The District will work collaboratively with FPDCC to develop multi-objective projects beneficial to both agencies along with our constituents and also consistent with our individual missions.

The data provided in the NBCR DWP will be used by the District, along with consistently developed data in DWPs for the other five major Cook County Watersheds, to prioritize the implementation of stormwater improvement projects.

1. Introduction

The North Branch Chicago River and Lake Michigan watersheds, located in northeastern Cook County, Illinois, drain an area of over 120 square miles that includes 20 communities. Figure ES.1 shows an overview of the North Branch Chicago River (NBCR) and Lake Michigan (LM) watersheds.

The NBCR watershed is a heavily urbanized area with small portions of forest preserve and park areas, and is generally characterized by low relief. The headwaters of the three major tributaries, the Skokie River, the Middle Fork, and the West Fork, are located in Lake County, IL. These tributaries flow south into Cook County at Lake Cook Road and combine with the Main Stem of the NBCR at Beckwith Road within Chick Evans golf course. Another tributary, the North Shore Channel (NSC), enters the Main Stem of the NBCR near Albany Avenue in Chicago, adjacent to the North Branch Dam at Albany Park. The downstream limit of the NBCR is at the confluence with the Chicago River and South Branch of the Chicago River near W. Lake Street in downtown Chicago. Locations of historic flooding mainly exist on the West Fork, the Skokie River and the NBCR, and upstream of the North Branch Dam; while locations of streambank erosion exist primarily on the West Fork, Middle Fork, and Main Steam of the NBCR upstream of the North Branch Dam.

The Lake Michigan watershed within Cook County is located along the west coast of Lake Michigan and generally extends west to the topographic ridge along Green Bay Road. The Lake Michigan watershed consists of seven ravines which drain east into Lake Michigan. The Lake Michigan watershed shows no signs of historic flooding problems or signs of streambank erosion. Soil erosion does occur along the bluffs of the Lake Michigan shoreline and, to a lesser extent, along the ravines. However, this DWP does not address bluff/ravine erosion, but rather active erosion along regional waterways that pose an imminent risk to structures or critical infrastructure and / or threaten public safety.

The NBCR and Lake Michigan Detailed Watershed Plan (DWP) was developed by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (District) with the participation of the NBCR Watershed Planning Council (WPC) which provided local input to the District throughout the development process. The DWP was developed to accomplish the following goals:

- Document stormwater problem areas.
- Evaluate existing watershed conditions using hydrologic and hydraulic (H&H) models.
- Produce flow, stage, frequency, and duration information along regional waterways.
- Estimate damages associated with regional stormwater problems.
- Evaluate solutions to regional stormwater problems.

Regional problems are defined as problems associated with waterways whose watersheds encompass multiple jurisdictions and drain an area greater than 0.5 square miles. Problems arising from capacity issues on local systems, such as storm sewer systems and minor open channel ditches, even if they drain more than one municipality, were considered local and beyond the scope of this regional stormwater management program. Erosion problems addressed in this plan were limited to active erosion along regional waterways that pose an imminent risk to structures or critical infrastructure and/or threaten public safety. Interstate highways, U.S. highways, state routes, county roads with four or more lanes, and smaller roads providing critical access that are impacted by overbank flooding of regional waterways at depths exceeding 0.5 feet were also considered regional problems.

1.1 Scope and Approach

The DWP scope included data collection and evaluation, H&H modeling, development and evaluation of alternatives, and recommendation of alternatives. The data collection and evaluation task included collection and evaluation of existing H&H models, geospatial data, previous studies, reported problem areas, and other data relevant to the watershed plan. H&H models were developed to produce inundation mapping for existing conditions for the 100-year storm event and to evaluate stormwater improvement project alternatives. Stormwater improvement project alternatives were developed and evaluated to determine their effectiveness in addressing regional stormwater problems. Estimates of damage reduction, or benefits, associated with proposed projects were considered along with conceptual cost estimates and noneconomic criteria to develop a list of recommended improvement projects for the NBCR and Lake Michigan watersheds.

1.2 Data Collection and Evaluation

The data collection and evaluation phase (Phase A) of the DWP focused on obtaining data regarding the watershed and evaluation of the material's acceptability for use. The District contacted all WPC members as well as federal and state agencies and other stakeholders requesting relevant data. Coordination with WPC members took place throughout development of the DWP. Existing and newly developed data was evaluated according to criteria of use defined in Chapter 6 of the *Cook County Stormwater Management Plan* (CCSMP), included in Appendix B. Where data was unavailable or insufficient to complete the DWP, additional data was collected. This report includes information on all data collected and evaluated as a part of the DWP development. Table 1.2.1 lists key dates of coordination activities including meetings with WPC members throughout DWP development.

1.3 Hydrologic and Hydraulic Modeling

This section of the report provides a description of H&H modeling completed to support the DWP development. H&H models were developed for all tributaries within the watershed containing open waterways. Most models were developed independently of any past H&H modeling efforts. There were several locations, however, where existing models or studies were used. For the Techny Drain tributary, a hydrologic study was used to assist with subbasin delineation and flow diversion modeling. For the Underwriter's Tributary, a hydrologic and hydraulic study was used to assist with subbasin delineation and storage modeling. Data from existing regulatory hydraulic models was used for supplementing the newly developed DWP HEC-RAS hydraulic models for the West Fork, Middle Fork, Skokie River and Main Stem of the NBCR. The United States Army Corps of Engineers's (USACE's) recent hydraulic model of the Chicago Area Waterway System (CAWS) was used to develop the water surface profiles of the North Shore Channel and the Main Stem of the NBCR downstream of the North Branch Dam.

Although hydraulic model extent was defined based upon the extent of detailed study for effective Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRMs), models were extended further, where appropriate, to aid evaluation of damages associated with regional stormwater problems. Appendix A includes a comparison of FEMA's revised DFIRM panels with inundation areas developed for DWP modeling purposes. Tables comparing DWP inundation area to FEMA floodplain mapping by community and subwatershed are also included in Appendix A.

H&H models were developed to be consistent with the protocols defined in Chapter 6 of the CCSMP. In numerous instances, models included additional open channel or other drainage facilities not strictly required by Chapter 6, to aid the evaluation of community reported problem areas. Available monitoring data, including USGS stream gage data, District facility data and high water marks observed following storm events were used to perform model verification and calibration consistent with Chapter 6 guidelines. All H&H modeling data and documentation of the data development are included in the appendices referenced in the report sections below.

TABLE 1.3.1
WPC Coordination Activities

Description of Activity		Date
07-029-5C NBCR and Lake Michigan Detailed Watershed Plan - Phase A - Contract start date		January 15, 2008
08-033-5C NBCR and Lake Michigan Detailed Watershed Plan - Phase B - Contract start date		September 11, 2008
Information Gathering		
Data Request (Forms A and B) sent out as part of Phase A		August 17, 2007
Watershed field visit and meetings with various municipalities		September 2008 to
		September 2010
Open meetings with Watershed representatives during Phase A to discuss Forms A and B		January 30, 2008
District phone calls and emails to communities after the September 13th and 14th, 2008 storm event		September 2008
NBCR and Lake Michigan Watershed Planning Council Meetings (20)		
October 26, 2005	March 7, 2006	June 6, 2006
September 5, 2006	December 5, 2006	March 6, 2007
June 5, 2007	September 4, 2007	December 4, 2007
March 4, 2008	June 3, 2008	September 2, 2008
December 2, 2008	March 3, 2009	June 2, 2009
September 1, 2009	December 1, 2009	March 2, 2010
June 1, 2010	September 7, 2010	

TABLE 1.3.1
WPC Coordination Activities

Modeling Results and Alternatives Review Meetings		
Initial Model Review Workshop		September 17, 2009 and May 20, 2010
Preliminary Alternatives Review Workshop		June 29, 2010
Final Alternatives Presentation Workshop		August 12, 2010
MWRDGC Board of Commissioners' Study Sessions		
January 10, 2006	April 27, 2006	October 2, 2008

1.3.1 Model Selection

H&H models were developed within the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Hydrologic Engineering Center-Hydrologic Modeling System (HEC-HMS) Version 3.1.0 modeling application and Hydrologic Engineering Center-River Analysis System (HEC-RAS) Version 4.0. These applications were identified as acceptable in Tables 6.10 and 6.11 of the CCSMP. The Soil Conservation Service (SCS) curve number (CN) loss module was used with the Clark's unit hydrograph methodology within HEC-HMS to model basin hydrology. The dynamic unsteady flow routing methodology was used within HEC-RAS. Both applications have an extensive toolkit to interface with geographic information systems (GIS) software to produce input data and display model results.

1.3.2 Model Setup and Unit Numbering

1.3.2.1 Hydrologic Model Setup

Hydrologic model data was primarily developed within the GeoHMS (Version 4.2) extension to Arc GIS Version 9.3.1. The extension provides an interface to geoprocessing functions used to characterize subbasin parameters within the hydrologic model. GeoHMS was used to calculate the CN for each basin; to define the longest flow path, basin slope, and longest flow path slope; and to establish a network connecting hydrologic elements (e.g., subbasins, reservoirs, reaches, and inflow locations) to the outlet of the system. HEC-HMS was used to create and sometimes route stormwater runoff hydrographs to the upstream extent of hydraulic models developed within HEC-RAS. Hydrologic model data was transferred between HEC-HMS and HEC-RAS through HEC-DSS files.

Subbasin Delineation. Within Cook County, each major tributary model (West Fork, Middle Fork, Skokie River, etc.) was divided into subbasins roughly 320 acres (0.5 square miles) in size to form the basis of the hydrologic model and was modeled assuming a unified response to rainfall based on land use characteristics and soil type. Elevation data provided by Cook County, described in Section 2.3.4, was the principal data source used for subbasin delineation. Drainage divides were established based upon consideration of the direction of steepest descent from local elevation maxima, and refined in some instances to reflect modifications to topographic drainage patterns caused by stormwater management infrastructure (storm sewer systems, culverts, etc.). Subbasin boundaries were modified to encompass areas with similar development patterns. Finally, boundaries were defined to most accurately represent the area tributary to specific modeled elements, such as constrictions caused by crossings, and reservoirs. GIS data was developed for all subbasins delineated and used for hydrologic model data development. In the upper extents of the watershed, within Lake County, a more generalized delineation approach with the USGS's 10 meter National Elevation Dataset (NED) was used for contouring, and basins were delineated to a size of approximately one square mile.

Runoff Volume Calculation. The SCS CN loss model uses the empirical CN parameter to calculate runoff volumes based on landscape characteristics such as soil type, land cover, imperviousness, and land use development. *Areas characterized by saturated or poorly infiltrating soils, or impervious development, have higher CN values, converting a greater portion of rainfall volume into runoff. The SCS methodology uses Equation 1.1 to compute stormwater runoff volume for each time step:*

$$Q = \frac{(P - I_a)^2}{(P - I_a) + S} \qquad (1.1)$$

Where:

Q	=	runoff volume (in.)
P	=	precipitation (in.)
S	=	storage coefficient (in.)
I_a	=	initial abstractions (in.)

Rainfall abstractions due to ponding and evapotranspiration can be simulated using an initial abstractions (I_a) parameter. In the NBCR DWP, the commonly used default value of I_a, estimated as 0.2 × S, where S is the storage coefficient for soil in the subbasin. S is related to CN through Equation 1.2:

$$S = \frac{1000}{CN} - 10 \qquad (1.2)$$

where:

CN	=	curve number (dimensionless)
S	=	storage coefficient (in,)

Table 1.3.2 describes the input data used to develop the CN values throughout the watershed.

TABLE 1.3.2
Description of Curve Number Input Data

Variable Used to Determine CN	Approach for Definition of Variable for NBCR and Lake Michigan Watershed Hydrologic Modeling
Ground cover	Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) 2001 land use inventory (v.1.2 2006) is used to define land use. A lookup table was developed to link CMAP categories to categories for which CN values have been estimated.

TABLE 1.3.2
Description of Curve Number Input Data

Variable Used to Determine CN	Approach for Definition of Variable for NBCR and Lake Michigan Watershed Hydrologic Modeling
Soil type	The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) publishes county soil surveys that cover portions of the watershed except areas within the City of Chicago and other lower basin areas. The NRCS surveys include a hydrologic classification of A, B, C, or D. Generally a soil classification of A will represent soils with the highest infiltration potential, whereas a classification of D will represent the lowest infiltration potential. If a soil group's infiltration capacity is affected by a high water table, it is classified as, for instance, "A/D," meaning the drained soil has "A" infiltration characteristics, undrained "D." It was assumed that half of these soil groups (by area) are drained. Soil types outside of the NRCS soil survey areas were determined through use of the NRCS's STATSGO dataset. It was assumed that half of the STATSGO soil groups, by area, are drained.
Antecedent moisture condition	Antecedent Moisture Conditions (AMC) reflects the initial soil storage capacity available for rainfall. For areas within Northeastern Illinois, it is typical to assume an AMC of II.

Specific combinations of land use and soil type were linked to CN values using a lookup table based on values recommended in Table 1.3.3 excerpted from *TR-55: Urban Hydrology for Small Watersheds* (U.S. Department of Agriculture [USDA], 1986). The CN matrix includes assumptions about the imperviousness of land use classes, and therefore, percent impervious does not need to be explicitly considered as the SCS runoff volume calculation. Since the CMAP land-use data does not correspond to the categories in Table 1.3.3, development of a mapping process between TR-55 land use categories and CMAP land use categories was necessary. This process is detailed in Appendix C, which includes a technical memorandum detailing the process used to develop CN values for the NBCR watershed and Lake Michigan watershed.

The GeoHMS tool was used to develop an area-weighted average CN for each subbasin.

Runoff Hydrograph Production.

The runoff volume produced for a subbasin is converted into a basin-specific hydrograph by using a standard unit hydrograph and an estimate of subbasin time of concentration. The standard unit hydrograph method used for the NBCR watershed was the Clark unit hydrograph method, and the SCS unit hydrograph method was used for the Lake Michigan Watershed. Estimates of subbasin time of concentration values were performed using SCS methodologies.

The time of concentration is the time it takes for a drop of water to travel from the hydraulically furthest point in a watershed to the outlet. Using SCS methodologies, the time of concentration is estimated as the sum of the travel time for three different segments of flow, split-up by flow type in each subbasin.

TABLE 1.3.3
Runoff Curve Numbers for Urban Areas

Cover Type and Hydrologic Condition	Avg. % Impervious Area	A	B	C	D
Fully developed urban areas (vegetation established)					
Open Space (lawns, parks, golf courses, cemeteries, etc.)					
Poor condition (grass cover < 50%)		68	79	86	89
Fair condition (grass cover 50 to 75%)		49	69	79	84
Good condition (grass cover > 75%)		39	61	74	80
Impervious Areas					
Paved parking lots, roofs, driveways, etc. (excluding right-of-way)		98	98	98	98
Streets and roads					
Paved; curbs and storm sewers (excluding right-of-way)		98	98	98	98
Paved; open ditches (including right-of-way)		83	89	92	93
Gravel (including right-of-way)		76	85	89	91
Dirt (including right-of-way)		72	82	87	89
Western Desert Urban Areas					
Natural desert landscaping (pervious areas only)		63	77	85	88
Artificial desert landscaping (impervious weed barrier, desert shrub with 1- to 2-inch sand or gravel mulch and basin barriers		96	96	96	96
Urban Districts					
Commercial and business	85	89	92	94	95
Industrial	72	81	88	91	93
Residential Districts by Average Lot Size					
1/8 acre or less	65	77	85	90	92
1/4 acre	38	61	75	83	87
1/3 acre	30	57	72	81	86
1/2 acre	25	54	70	80	85
1 acre	20	51	68	79	84
2 acres	12	46	65	77	82
Developing Urban Areas					
Newly Graded Areas (pervious areas only, no vegetation)		77	86	91	94

Note: Average runoff condition, and $I_a = 0.2S$.

Note: Source of table is *TR-55: Urban Hydrology for Small Watersheds* (U.S. Department of Agriculture [USDA], 1986)

Thus Equation 1.3:

$$T_c = T_{sheet} + T_{shallow} + T_{channel} \qquad (1.3)$$

where:

T_{sheet} = sheet flow; flow occurring across the land area headwater areas prior to flow accumulation

$T_{shallow}$ = shallow flow; occurs where sheet flow begins to accumulate into more concentrated patterns, but prior to transitioning into open channel flow

$T_{channel}$ = flow within natural or manmade drainage facilities within each subwatershed prior to the point of discharge

GeoHMS was used to determine the route of the longest flow path, and that flow path's length and slope. The basin parameter estimates were exported to a spreadsheet to support calculation of T_c.

Comparison of HEC-HMS results to gage data was initially performed using the Clark Method and SCS Method unit hydrographs. This comparison evaluation indicated that the Clark Method unit hydrographs produced more representative results for the North Branch of the Chicago River, West Fork, Middle Fork, and Skokie River subwatersheds.

The storage coefficient for the Clark methodology was estimated using equation 1.4.

$$\frac{R}{Tc + R} = C \qquad (1.4)$$

The value for C was determined using USGS Water Resources Investigation Report 00-4184. The value for C and estimated subbasin Tc values were used to calculate R values for each subbasin. The values of Tc originally calculated appeared reasonable based on the topography of the subbasins, and subsequent review of hydrograph comparisons confirmed that overall timing of the watershed as indicated by the model was representative of actual conditions.

As described above, the Clark unit hydrograph method was used for the NBCR Watershed; however, the SCS unit hydrograph method was used for the Lake Michigan Watershed. Due to the steepness of terrain and relative lack of channel storage in the Lake Michigan Watershed, the SCS unit hydrograph method was more applicable and provided more reasonable results. The SCS unit hydrograph method converts the runoff volume produced for a specific subbasin into a basin specific hydrograph using a standard SCS unit hydrograph and an estimate of subbasin lag time. The lag time is defined as the time elapsed between the mass centroid of precipitation and peak of the runoff hydrograph at the outlet of the subbasin. Lag times for the Lake Michigan watershed were estimated according to Equation 1.5, provided in the HEC-HMS Technical Reference Manual (USACE, 2006):

$$T_{lag} = 0.6 T_c \qquad (1.5)$$

where:

T_{lag} = Lag time

T_c = Time of Concentration

Time of concentration estimates for the Lake Michigan Watershed were performed using the same SCS method described in the text above and Equation 1.3.

Rainfall Data. Observed and design event rainfall data was used to support modeling evaluations for the DWP. Monitored rainfall data is described in Section 2.3.1. Design event rainfall data was obtained from Bulletin 71, *Rainfall Frequency Atlas of the Midwest* (Huff, 1992). Design event rainfall depths obtained from Bulletin 71 were used to support design event modeling performed for existing and proposed conditions assessment.

1.3.3 Storm Duration

A critical-duration analysis was performed to determine the storm duration that generally results in higher water surface estimates for a range of tributary sizes within the NBCR watershed. The 24-hour duration storm was identified as the critical duration for streams within the NBCR watershed. A third quartile storm is recommended for storms of this duration (Huff, 1992). Table 1.3.4 summarizes rainfall depths for the 24-hour duration storm.

1.3.4 Areal Reduction Factor

The rainfall depths presented in Table 1.3.4 summarize expected point rainfall accumulation for modeled recurrence intervals. The probability of uniform rainfall across a subwatershed decreases with increasing watershed size. Table 21 of Bulletin 71 relates areal mean rainfall depth to rainfall depth at a point (Huff, 1992). After review of subwatershed (West Fork, Middle Fork, Skokie River, and Main Stem of the NBCR) sizes, and modeling sensitivity, it was determined that a reduction factor is not appropriate within the NBCR watershed. Bulletin 71 also provides rainfall distributions that vary according to watershed size (point distribution, 10 to 50 square mile area, 50 to 100 square mile, etc). The rainfall distribution used was a point distribution in order to provide more accurate results for smaller tributaries and the upper portion of the watershed. Review of modeling sensitivity indicates that use of the 10 to 50 square mile area distribution results in insignificant changes to peak flow rates within the watersheds main stream reaches.

TABLE 1.3.4
Rainfall Depths

Recurrence Interval	24-hr Duration Rainfall Depth
2-year	3.04
5-year	3.80
10-year	4.47
25- year	5.51
50- year	6.46
100-year	7.58
500-year	10.90[a]

[a]500-year rainfall depth was determined based on a logarithmic relationship between rainfall depth and recurrence interval.

1.3.5 Hydrologic Routing

Stormwater runoff hydrographs were routed within HEC-HMS in upstream areas where the resolution of subbasins defined was greater than the hydraulic model extent. In areas where a channel cross section could be identified from topographic data, Muskingum-Cunge routing was performed using the approximate channel geometry from a representative cross section of the modeled hydrologic reach. To account for reach storage effects, lateral inflow hydrographs produced within HEC-HMS, were input to the HEC-RAS unsteady-state hydraulic model. For the portions of the Middle Fork and Skokie River within Lake County, modified puls storage-discharge relationships from the existing hydrologic models (effective FIS models) were incorporated into the new HEC-HMS modeling developed for this DWP.

1.3.6 Hydraulic Model Setup

Hydraulic model data was typically developed through field surveys with some additional definition of channel overbank areas and roadway crests defined using Cook County 2003 topographic LiDAR data. Cross section locations were developed in HEC GeoRAS, and surveyed channel geometry was inserted into topographically generated cross sectional data. Cross sections were generally surveyed at intervals of 500 to 1,000 feet. Interpolated cross sections were added at many locations to the models to increase stability and reduce errors. Bridges, culverts, and other major hydraulic structures were surveyed within the hydraulic model extent. The locations of all surveyed and modeled cross sections, bridges, culverts, and other structures are shown in Appendix D.

1.3.6.1 Bridges, Culverts, and Hydraulic Structures

Bridges, culverts, and hydraulic structures were surveyed consistent with FEMA mapping protocol as identified in *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners*, "Guidance for Aerial Mapping and Surveying" (FEMA 2003). A State of Illinois licensed professional land surveyor certified each location as FEMA compliant. Documentation of certifications is provided in Appendix D. Bridges, culverts, and hydraulic structures were surveyed consistent with the NAVD 1988 datum using 5-centimeter or better GPS procedures (as specified in NGS-58 for local network accuracy) or third-order (or better) differential leveling, or trigonometric leveling for short distances. In a few cases, information from construction as-built plans was used in lieu of surveying. Ineffective flow areas were placed at cross sections upstream and downstream of crossings, assuming a contraction ratio of 1:1 and an expansion ratio of 2:1. Contraction and expansion coefficients generally were increased to 0.3 and 0.5, respectively, at cross sections adjacent to crossings and in areas where severe meandering occurred along the reach.

1.3.6.2 Cross-Sectional Data

Cross-sectional data was surveyed consistent with FEMA mapping protocol as identified in *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners*, "Guidance for Aerial Mapping and Surveying" (FEMA 2003).

All survey work, including survey of cross sections, was certified as compliant to FEMA mapping protocol by a licensed professional land surveyor. Documentation of certifications is provided in Appendix D. Cross sections were surveyed consistent with the North American Vertical Datum, 1988 (NAVD 1988) using 5-centimeter or better GPS procedures (as specified in NGS-58 for local network accuracy) or third-order (or better) differential leveling, or trigonometric leveling for short distances. Cross sections were interpolated at many locations within the hydraulic models, to aid model stability and reduce errors.

1.3.6.3 Boundary Conditions

The perimeter of District jurisdiction, watershed geographic considerations, and modeling methodologies were used to determine the appropriate boundary conditions for hydraulic modeling.

The USACE's model of the CAWS provided tailwater conditions for the hydraulic models upstream of the North Branch Dam within the Main Stem of the NBCR.

Within the Lake Michigan watershed, a downstream boundary condition was only required for Ravine 1 since this was the only Ravine modeled within the study. Due to the relatively steep nature of the ravine that generates supercritical flows; downstream water surface elevations did not have significant backwater effects on the upstream portions of the ravine. For this reason, the hydraulic analysis of Ravine 1 assumed critical flow depth at the downstream end of the hydraulic model.

1.3.7 Model Run Settings

All hydraulic model simulations were carried out using the fully dynamic, unsteady flow simulation settings within HEC-RAS. The Saint-Venant equations, or the continuity and momentum balance equations for open channel flow, were solved using implicit finite difference scheme. HEC-RAS has the ability to model storage areas and hydraulic connections between storage areas and between stream reaches. The computational time step for model runs was generally 15 seconds.

1.3.8 Model Calibration and Verification

The hydrologic and hydraulic models developed for the DWP were calibrated and verified in order to create modeling that is representative of watershed stormwater runoff response for a range of storm magnitudes. Calibration, as used in this DWP, is to be defined as the adjustment of modeling parameters to cause a model to be more representative of recorded data. Verification, as used in this DWP, refers to running a model using an independent storm event and checking that the results produced are representative of recorded data. In the case of this DWP, the September 13-14, 2008 storm event was used as the basis for calibration. The October 14-16, 2001 storm event was used for verification.

Output from the HEC-HMS hydrologic model was used as input to the HEC-RAS hydraulic model. Within the DWP project area (south of the Cook-Lake County line), the hydrologic model used Muskingum Cunge channel routing which does not take into account the flow attenuation that occurs in the channel and overbank areas. Attenuation was accounted for in the unsteady HEC-RAS model. As a result, adjustments to the HEC-HMS model, for purposes of calibration, could only be made after comparison of HEC-RAS hydrographs to river gage hydrographs. This comparison was performed at the Main Stem river gage location in the community of Niles and it was determined that the HEC-HMS model was providing representative lateral hydrograph inputs for both the 2008 and 2001 storm events. Peak runoff rates and volumes were within 30% as required by District criteria. Detailed calibration results are presented in subwatershed subsections, including hydrographs and comparisons of stage and runoff volume.

Approximately 40% of the NBCR watershed area is located north of the DWP project area (north of the Lake-Cook County line). Although HEC-1 modeling existed for this area, the HEC-HMS model created for the DWP was extended northward to include this area. For the Middle Fork and Skokie River, modified puls data from the HEC-1 models was incorporated into the HEC-HMS models, and modeling parameter adjustments (Curve Number and storage coefficient) were made to make the HEC-HMS model representative of existing land use conditions. Evaluation of HEC-1, HEC-HMS, and river gage hydrographs at the county line indicated that the HEC-HMS produced hydrographs were appropriate for use as a boundary condition for the Middle Fork and Skokie River. Due to the locations of existing gages and the presence of the Deerfield Reservoir near the county line, the HEC-1 hydrograph for the West Fork was used as a boundary condition.

Water surface elevation output from the 2008 HEC-RAS model were compared against known elevations at river gages, reservoir bubbler locations, and at surveyed flood elevation locations. The elevations are compared in subwatershed subsections and indicate compliance with the CCSMP's Chapter 6 criteria to be within 6" of known elevations. No modeling adjustments (such as modification of Manning's n values) were required in order to meet elevation criteria.

The Lake Michigan Ravines watersheds are not monitored by river gages or other recording equipment or methods. As a result, the hydrologic modeling parameters of the HEC-HMS models were based on analysis of land use and topography. No modeling parameter adjustments were made to modify results to match recorded flow or elevation data.

Hydraulic modeling of Lake Michigan Ravine 1 was not calibrated due to lack of recorded flooding information. It is assumed that calibration and validation of the North Shore Channel modeling (downstream of the North Branch Dam) was performed by the USACE.

1.3.9 Flood Inundation Mapping

Flood inundation maps were produced to display the inundation areas associated with the 100-year event. The flood inundation maps were produced by overlaying the results of the hydraulic modeling on the ground elevation model of the watershed, which was derived from Cook County LiDAR data. In some areas, adjustments were made to the limits of inundation based on aerial photography and Cook County 2-foot contour data provided by the District.

1.3.10 Discrepancies between Inundation Mapping and Regulatory Flood Maps

Discrepancies may exist between inundation mapping produced under this DWP and regulatory flood maps. Discrepancies may be the result of updated rainfall data, more detailed topographic information, updated land use data, and differences in modeling methodology. A discussion of discrepancies is included in Appendix A.

1.3.11 Model Review

The hydrologic and hydraulic models developed under this DWP were independently reviewed by Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd (CBBEL). CBBEL's review of the hydrologic models included a general verification of drainage areas, sub-basin divides, and hydrologic model parameters such as Curve Number and Time of Concentration. CBBEL's review of the hydraulic models included a general verification of roughness values, bank stations, ineffective flow areas, hydraulic structures, boundary conditions and connectivity with the hydrologic model output files. Recommendations from the independent review have been addressed in the hydrologic and hydraulic models developed to support the DWP.

1.4 Development and Evaluation of Alternatives

1.4.1 Problem Area Identification

Problem area data was generated from two sources. The first was community, agency and stakeholder response data that identified flooding, erosion, water quality, and maintenance problems recognized by the communities. In addition, problem areas were identified by overlaying the results of H&H modeling on the ground elevation model of the watershed to identify structures at risk of flooding along regional waterways. Modeled flood problems generally corroborated the communities' reported problems; however, in many instances, the model results also showed additional areas at risk of flooding for larger magnitude events. A secondary source of problem area identification was the existing FEMA FIRM panel maps. Areas shown within FEMA floodplain were carefully considered in H&H modeling and communication with communities in order to identify problem areas.

1.4.2 Economic Analysis

1.4.2.1 Flood Damages

Property damages due to flooding were assessed based upon the intersection of inundation areas for modeled recurrence intervals (2-, 5-, 10-, 25-, 50-, and 100-year) with the Cook County parcel data, considering ground elevation data, to calculate estimated flood depths. Damages were estimated using a methodology consistent with one developed by the USACE that estimates structure and contents damage as a fraction of structure value and based upon the estimated depth of flooding (USACE 2003). The general procedure estimating property damage due to flooding is outlined in Appendix F of the CCSMP. This method of damage calculation requires estimating a number of parameters for properties at risk of flooding which are detailed below.

Property damage values due to flooding are derived from the 2006 Cook County Tax Assessor (CCTA) data multiplied by a standard factor derived from a statistical analysis comparing recent sales data to the CCTA property values. The CCTA data includes tax assessed value of land, improvements, total tax assessed value, structure class (residential single family, multi-family, industrial etc.), number of stories, basement information, land area (square footage), and other data fields not relevant to this study.

1.4.2.2 Identification of Parcels at Risk of Flooding

Parcel boundaries were converted to points within the GIS application, and then the points were moved to the low side of structures at risk of flooding. Intersection of floodplain boundaries with parcel data was then performed for each modeled recurrence interval storm and used to identify parcels within the subwatershed that may, based upon their zero-damage elevations, be subject to property damage due to flooding for a particular recurrence interval.

1.4.2.3 Parcel Zero Damage Elevation

Structures do not incur damage due to flooding until the water surface exceeds the *zero-damage elevation,* at which water is assumed to begin flowing into the structure and cause damages. For most structures, the zero-damage elevation is the ground surface. Floodwaters exceeding the ground surface may enter the structure through doorways, window wells, and other openings within the structure. The zero-damage elevation was assumed to be the ground elevation for all parcels within the NBCR Watershed. The ground elevation estimate was obtained at the point representing the parcel, generally on the lower, stream-side of the actual structure.

1.4.2.4 Parcel First Floor Elevation

USACE depth-damage curves relate flooding depths to the first floor elevation of the structure, a value not provided within the CCTA data. First floor elevations (FFE) generally were not surveyed as it would require several thousand measurements. In general, a sample of several hundred field measurements of the FFE offset from ground elevation were collected to document expected values and variability of this component of the damage analysis. Based upon review of the collected first floor elevations, it was not possible to identify a pattern to predict the first floor elevation based upon factors such as subwatershed, estimated age of structure, or structure type. Furthermore, it was noted from pictures viewed on the CCTA website, that the average first floor elevation offset was roughly 18 inches, or slightly lower for structures that did not have basements. Based upon the data collected, first floor elevation offsets from ground elevation were estimated throughout the watershed as 18 inches for structures with basements, and 12 inches for structures without.

The only exception to the derivation of FFE presented above was the use of IDNR field survey of FFE for structures along the Middle Fork and Skokie River to calculate damages in areas that were shown as inundated through DWP modeling. It is noted that the IDNR FFE were used only where IDNR survey data was available; the previously described procedure of using 12 or 18 inch offsets from ground elevation was used to determine the remaining FFE for the Middle Fork and Skokie River reaches.

1.4.2.5 Structure Estimated Value

The estimated value of flooded structures is an input to damage calculations. The CCTA data included data that identified values for the land value as well as the improvement value (i.e., building, garage, etc.). The values in the CCTA data are assessed valuations of the estimated property value, which require a factor to bring the value, depending on the structure's use, to the CCTA estimation of property value. For example, residential structures receive an assessed valuation factor of 16 percent, thus the value identified by CCTA is the CCTA estimated value divided by a standardized 0.16. The adjusted CCTA data (reported values divided by the assessed valuation factor) was then compared with recent sales data throughout the county to statistically derive a multiplier that brings the 2006 CCTA estimated value of the properties to 2008 market value of properties. This multiplier was calculated to be 1.66. Since this plan analyzes damage to the structure, the land component of the property value was removed from the analysis. The value of the structure was computed by applying the assessed valuation multiplier and the District calculated market value multiplier to the improvement value identified in the CCTA data. This method was used on all property types to generate information to be used in the damage calculations.

1.4.2.6 Depth-Damage Curves

Six residential depth-damage curves were obtained from the USACE technical guidance memorandum EGM 04-01 (USACE, 2003) to relate estimated structure and contents damage to structure replacement value as a function of flooding depth. These damage curves are one story, two-story, and split-level resident structures, either with or without basements. For nonresidential structures, a depth-damage curve representing the average of structure and contents depth damage curves for a variety of structure types, generated by the Galveston District of the USACE was selected for use. Appendix F contains the depth-damage curves used to calculate property damage due to flooding. CCTA data was analyzed to identify the number of stories on residential structures and the presence or absence of a basement.

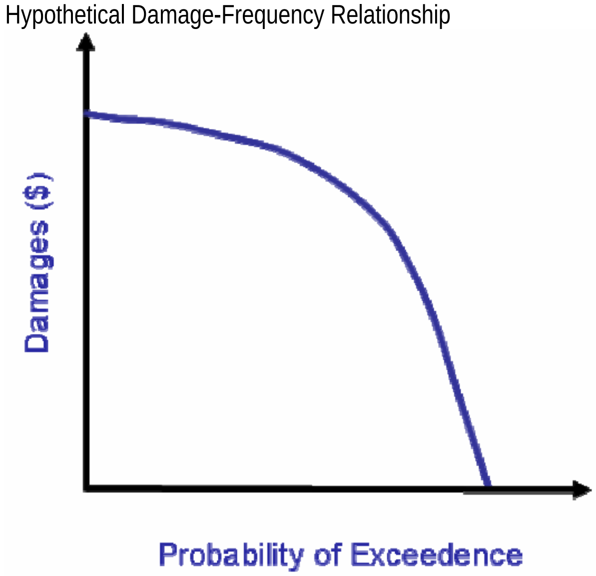
1.4.2.7 Property Damage Calculation

The estimated structure value, flooding depth, and depth-damage curve information were used to estimate the property damage from flooding for a specific structure due to a storm of given recurrence interval. Higher magnitude events, such as the 100-year event, cause higher damages for flooded properties but also have a lower likelihood of occurring in a given year. Figure 1.4.1 shows the hypothetical relationship between expected damage and modeled recurrence interval. Estimated annual damages were calculated according to Appendix F of Chapter 6 of the CCSMP, essentially weighting the expected annual damages by their annual probability of occurrence. Damages were then capitalized over a 50-year period of analysis, consistent with the period of analysis over which maintenance and replacement costs were calculated, using the federal discount rate for 2008 of 4.875 percent.

1.4.2.8 Erosion Damages

Locations of streambank erosion were identified through community response data. The CCSMP contains direction that erosion damages be estimated as the full value of structures at "imminent risk" of damage due to stream bank erosion, and that erosion damages not be assessed for loss of land. Field visits to areas identified as erosion problems were performed. Properties and infrastructure were judged to be at imminent risk if they were located within 30 feet of a site of *active erosion*, characterized by exposed earth, lack of vegetation, or collapsing banks. The estimated market value of the structure derived from CCTA data was used to estimate erosion damages for structures deemed at imminent risk. For infrastructure at risk other than property, such as roads and utilities, an estimate of the replacement value of these structures was used to assess erosion damages.

FIGURE 1.4.1
Hypothetical Damage-Frequency Relationship



1.4.2.9 Transportation Damages

Transportation damage generally was estimated as 15 percent of property damage due to flooding. In some specific instances, significant transportation damages may occur in absence of attendant property damage due to flooding. For the NBCR watershed, specific transportation damages were calculated when flooding fully blocked all access to a specific area in the watershed and these damages were not adequately captured as a fraction of property damages. In such instances, transportation damages were calculated according to FEMA guidance in the document "What Is a Benefit?" (FEMA, 2001). The duration of road closure was estimated for the modeled storms, and transportation damage was calculated according to a value of $39.82 (based on FEMA recommended rate of $32.23 in 2000 and brought forward to 2008 dollars using a 3.068% discount rate) per hour of delay per vehicle based on average traffic counts and the estimated time to detour around each flooded location.

1.4.3 Alternative Development and Evaluation

Potential stormwater improvements, referred to within the DWP as alternatives, were developed using a systematic procedure to screen, develop, and evaluate technologies consistently. Tributary-specific technologies were screened and evaluated in consideration of the stormwater problems identified through community response data and modeling. An alternative is a combination of the technologies developed to address the identified stormwater problems. In many instances, communities had suggestions regarding potential resolution of their stormwater problems, and their input was solicited during workshops and subsequent comment periods and was considered during alternative development.

Alternatives were evaluated with respect to their ability to reduce flooding, erosion, and other damages under existing conditions. The reduction in expected damages for an alternative is called a *benefit*. Conceptual level costs were developed for each alternative using countywide unit cost data that considered expected expenses such as excavation, land-acquisition, pipe costs, channel lining, etc. Standard countywide markups were used to account for the cost of utility relocation, profit, design engineering and construction management costs, and contingency. Expected maintenance and replacement costs were considered over a 50-year design period. Detailed design studies are required to confirm details associated with the feasibility of construction and precise configuration of proposed facilities.

Additional non-economic factors, such as the number of structures protected, the expected water-quality benefit, and the impact on wetland or riparian areas were considered in alternative development and evaluation.

1.4.3.1 Streambank Stabilization

Erosion control alternatives were developed to address problem areas where erosion problems on regional waterways were determined to threaten structures. Damages were calculated based on the value of the threatened structures. Erosion control alternatives considered a full range of alternative technologies as summarized in Table 1.4.2.

1.4.3.2 Flood Control

Flood control technologies were considered during the development of alternatives for addressing flooding problems, as summarized in Table 1.4.1. Conceptual alternatives were developed after selection of an appropriate technology or technologies for a problem area, and review of information provided by communities and/or obtained from other sources (such as aerial photography and parcel data) regarding potentially available land.

Hydrologic or hydraulic models for alternative conditions were created to analyze the effect of the conceptual alternatives. Initial model runs were performed to determine whether an alternative significantly affected water surface elevation (WSEL) near the target problem area, or had negative impacts in other parts of the tributary area. For models that resulted in significant reduction in WSEL, a full set of alternative conditions model runs was performed, and expected damages due to flooding were evaluated for the alternative conditions. Benefits were calculated based on damages reduced from existing to proposed conditions.

1.4.3.3 Floodproofing and Acquisition

Alternatives consisting of structural flood control measures may not feasibly provide a 100-year level of protection for all structures. The DWP identifies areas that will experience flooding at the 100-year event, even if recommended alternatives are implemented. Floodproofing and/or acquisition of such structures are nonstructural flood control measures that may reduce or eliminate damages during flood events, which is why these measures are listed in Table 1.4.1. However, due to the localized nature of implementing such solutions, the District may look to address structures that are candidates for nonstructural flood control measures under separate initiatives, outside of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

1.4.3.4 Water Quality

The potential effect of alternatives on water quality was considered qualitatively. Most detention basins built for flood control purposes have an ancillary water quality benefit because pollutants in sediment will settle out while water is detained. Sediments can be removed as a part of maintenance of the detention basin, preventing the pollutants from entering the waterway. Detention basins typically have a sediment forebay specifically designed for this purpose. Some detention basins could be designed as created wetland basins with wetland plants included which could naturally remove pollutants and excess nutrients from the basin. Streambank stabilization alternatives can help address water quality problems through reduction of sedimentation.

TABLE 1.4.1
Flood Control Technologies

Flood Control Option	Description	Technology Requirements
Detention/Retention		
Detention facilities (Dry basins)	Impoundments to temporarily store stormwater in normally dry basins.	Open space, available land. Only an upstream option.
Retention facilities (Wet basins)	Impoundments that include a permanent pool which stores stormwater and removes it through infiltration and evaporation. Retention facilities generally have an outfall to the receiving waterway that is located at an elevation above the permanent pool.	Open space, available land. Only an upstream option.
Pumped detention	Similar to detention or retention facilities, but includes a portion of the impoundment which cannot be drained by gravity and must be pumped out.	Open space, available land. Only an upstream option. Best applied when significant area is available to allow for filling only during large storms.
Underground detention	A specialized form of storage where stormwater is detained in underground facilities such as vaults or tunnels. Underground detention may also be pumped.	Space without structures, available land. Only an upstream option. Significantly more expensive than above ground facilities. Surface disruption must be acceptable during construction.

TABLE 1.4.1
Flood Control Technologies

Flood Control Option	Description	Technology Requirements
Bioretention	Decentralized microbasins distributed throughout a site or watershed to control runoff close to where it is generated. Runoff is detained in the bioretention facilities and infiltrated into the soil and removed through evapotranspiration.	Open space, multiple available opportunities for various sizes of open space.
Conveyance Improvement		
Culvert/bridge replacement	Enhancement of the hydraulic capacity of culverts or bridges through size increase, roughness reduction, and removal of obstacles (for example, piers).	Applicable only if restricted flow and no negative impact upstream or downstream. May require compensatory storage to prevent negative downstream impact. Permitting requirements and available adjacent land.
Channel improvement	Enhancement of the hydraulic capacity of the channels by enlarging cross sections (for example, floodplain enhancement), reducing roughness (for example, lining), or channel realignment.	No negative upstream or downstream impact of increased conveyance capacity. Permitting requirements and available adjacent land. Permanent and/or construction easements.
Flood Barriers		
Levees	Earth embankments built along rivers and streams to keep flood waters within a channel.	Permitting requirements and available adjacent land. Wide floodplains will be analyzed. Requires 3 feet of freeboard to remove structures behind levees from regulatory floodplain. Often requires compensatory storage.
Floodwalls	Vertical walls typically made of concrete or other hard materials built along rivers and streams to keep flood waters within a channel.	Permitting requirements and available adjacent land. Permanent and/or construction easements.
Acquisition	Acquisition and demolition of properties in the floodplain to permanently eliminate flood damages. In some cases, acquired property can be used for installation of flood control facilities.	Severe flooding, repetitive losses, other alternatives are not feasible.
Floodproofing		
Elevation	Modification of a structure's foundation to elevate the building above a given flood level. Typically applied to houses.	Severe flooding, repetitive losses, other alternatives are not feasible
Dry Floodproofing	Installation of impermeable barriers and flood gates along the perimeter of a building to keep flood waters out. Typically deployed around commercial and industrial buildings that cannot be elevated or relocated.	Better suited for basement or shallow flooding. Need the ability to provide closure of openings in walls or levees. Plan for emergency access to permit evacuation.
Wet Floodproofing	Implementation of measures that do not prevent water from entering a building but minimize damages; for example, utility relocation and installation of resistant materials.	Most applicable for larger buildings where content damage due to flooding can be minimized. Waterproofing sealant applied to walls and floors, a floor drain and sump pump.

TABLE 1.4.2
Erosion Control Technologies

Erosion Control Option	Description	Technology Requirements
Natural (vegetated or bioengineered) stabilization	The stabilization and protection of eroding overland flow areas or stream banks with selected vegetation using bioengineering techniques. The practice applies to natural or excavated channels where the stream banks are susceptible to erosion from the action of water, ice, or debris and the problem can be solved using vegetation. Vegetative stabilization is generally applicable where bankfull flow velocity does not exceed 5 ft/sec and soils are more erosion resistant, such as clayey soils. Combinations of the stabilization methods listed below and others may be used.	Requires stream bank slopes flat enough to prevent slope failure based upon underlying soils. Channels with steep banks with no room for expansion or high bank full velocities (> 5 ft/sec) should avoid these technologies.
Vegetating by sodding, seeding, or planting	Establishing permanent vegetative cover to stabilize disturbed or exposed areas. Required in open areas to prevent erosion and provide runoff control. This stabilization method often includes the use of geotextile materials to provide stability until the vegetation is established and able to resist scour and shear forces.	
Vegetated armoring (joint planting)	The insertion of live stakes, trees, shrubs, and other vegetation in the openings or joints between rocks in riprap or articulated block mat (ABM). The object is to reinforce riprap or ABM by establishing roots into the soil. Drainage may also be improved through extracting soil moisture.	
Vegetated cellular grid (erosion blanket)	Lattice-like network of structural material installed with planted vegetation to facilitate the establishment of the vegetation, but not strong enough to armor the slope. Typically involves the use of coconut or plastic mesh fiber (erosion blanket) that may disintegrate over time after the vegetation is established.	
Reinforced grass systems	Similar to the vegetated cellular grid, but the structural coverage is designed to be permanent. The technology can include the use of mats, meshes, interlocking concrete blocks, or the use of geocells containing fill material.	
Live cribwall	Installation of a regular framework of logs, timbers, rock, and woody cuttings to protect an eroding channel bank with structural components consisting of live wood.	
Structural stabilization	Stabilization of eroding stream banks or other areas by use of designed structural measures, such as those described below. Structural stabilization is generally applicable where flow velocities exceed 5 ft/sec or where vegetative stream bank protection is inappropriate.	Applicable to areas with steep stream bank slopes (> 3:1) and no room for channel expansion, or areas with high velocities (> 5 ft/sec) can benefit from this technology.
Interlocking concrete	Interlocking concrete may include A-Jacks®, ABM, or similar structural controls that form a grid or matrix to protect the channel from erosion. A-Jacks armor units may be assembled into a continuous, flexible matrix that provides channel toe protection against high velocity flow. The matrix of A-Jacks can be backfilled with topsoil and vegetated to increase system stability and to provide in-stream habitat. ABM can be used with or without joint planting with vegetation. ABM is available in several sizes and configurations from several manufacturers. The size and configuration of the ABM is determined by the shear forces and site conditions of the channel.	
Riprap	A section of rock placed in the channel or on the channel banks to prevent erosion. Riprap typically is underlain by a sand and geotextile base to provide a foundation for the rock, and to pre-	

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Erosion Control Option	Description	Technology Requirements
	vent scour behind the rock.	
Gabions	Gabions are wire mesh baskets filled with river stone of specific size to meet the shear forces in a channel. Gabions are used more often in urban areas where space is not available for other stabilization techniques. Gabions can provide stability when designed and installed correctly, but failure more often is sudden rather than gradual.	
Grade Control	A constructed concrete channel designed to convey flow at a high velocity (greater than 5 ft/sec) where other stabilization methods cannot be used. May be suitable in situations where downstream areas can handle the increase in peak flows and there is limited space available for conveyance.	
Concrete channels	Prevent stream bank erosion from excessive discharge velocities where stormwater flows out of a pipe. Outlet stabilization may include any method discussed above.	

2. Watershed Characteristics

2.1 General Watershed Description

The NBCR watershed is located in northeastern Cook County, Illinois. The headwaters of the three major tributaries, the West Fork, the Middle Fork, and the Skokie River, are located in Lake County. These tributaries flow south and combine with the NBCR at two separate confluence points. Another tributary, the NSC, enters the system near Albany Avenue in Chicago. Twenty municipalities are located entirely, or in part, in the watershed, and the entire watershed is approximately 141 square miles. The downstream limit of the NBCR is at the confluence with the Chicago River and South Branch near West Lake Street. This reach has been widened and dredged, with widths up to 300 feet and depths of 10 to 15 feet. For the next seven miles upstream to the North Branch Dam, the river is about 90 feet wide with a depth of 10 feet.

The NSC flows into the NBCR near Albany Avenue. The channel is a nearly 8-mile long manmade canal constructed in the early 1900s to carry wastewater from the northern suburbs away from LM. With a depth of 15 feet, and a width of 30 feet, its conveyance capacity was 2,000 cfs when constructed. The flow and water surface elevation in the NSC are controlled by the Wilmette Pumping Station at the upstream end.

The Skokie River flows from Waukegan south to its confluence with the NBCR just south of Winnetka Road. Near the county line, the Botanical Garden Diversion, about 1 mile in length, diverts flow around the Chicago Botanic Gardens located north of Dundee Rd. Proceeding south to Willow Road, the river is divided into several parallel components: the Skokie Lagoons, the Skokie River, the Skokie River West Diversion Ditch, and the Skokie River East Diversion Ditch. The east and west diversion ditches were first created in the 1930s to help keep impure water in the Skokie River from flowing into the Skokie Lagoons, a group of 7 lagoons created by the dam at Willow Road. The Skokie Lagoons were created in 1933 by the Civilian Conservation Corps as an effort to drain the Skokie Marsh. The Skokie Marsh was converted to the Skokie Lagoons to minimize flooding in the western part of town.

The Middle Fork begins in Libertyville and flows south through Northbrook and Northfield to the confluence with the NBCR. The Middle Fork and the Skokie River combine about a ¼ mile downstream of Happ Road to form the NBCR.

The West Fork flows from Everett Road in Lake County through portions of Deerfield, Northbrook, and Glenview. Tributaries include: the Underwriters Tributary, the South and North Forks of the Techny Drain, the Techny Drain, and the North and South Navy Ditches. The West Fork combines with the NBCR just upstream of Beckwith Road in Niles.

The LM watershed includes areas tributary to LM in Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan. The portion of the watershed included in this report is located in eastern Cook County south of Lake-Cook Road and north of the Chicago River. The watershed is generally less than 1¼ miles wide and in some locations is about ½ mile wide.

The NSC connects LM to the NBCR watershed. During normal operation, the channel is an outlet for local stormwater flows, which flow downstream to the confluence with the North Branch. The channel also provides diversion of Lake Michigan flows at Wilmette Pumping Station. The controlling works regulate the amount of Lake Michigan flows diverted to the North Branch through a vertical lift gate. During large storm events, when the combined sewer system capacity is exceeded, flows may be diverted into Lake Michigan at this location.

Figure ES.1 shows the municipal boundaries and the major streams within the NBCR and LM watersheds. Figure ES.1 also shows the subwatershed divides for the major streams within the NBCR watershed. Table 2.1.1 lists the municipalities within the NBCR and LM watersheds. Table 2.1.2 lists the stream lengths of major streams and tributaries to the NBCR.

TABLE 2.1.1
Municipalities in the NBCR and LM Watersheds within Cook County

Municipality	% of Municipality Area within NBCR & LM Watershed	% of NBCR & LM Watershed Area by Municipality	Municipality	% of Municipality Area within NBCR & LM Watershed	% of NBCR & LM Watershed Area by Municipality
Chicago	26	43.5	Niles	74	3.1
Deerfield	9	0.5	Norridge	31	0.4
Evanston	100	5.4	Northbrook	87	7.8
Glencoe	100	2.7	Northfield	100	2.0
Glenview	88	7.5	Park Ridge	<1	<0.1
Golf	100	0.3	Skokie	100	7.1
Harwood Heights	48	0.3	Wilmette	100	3.8
Kenilworth	100	0.4	Winnetka	100	2.7
Lincolnwood	100	1.9	Unincorporated	2	4.5
Morton Grove	100	3.6			

TABLE 2.1.2
NBCR and LM Watersheds Open Channel Stream Lengths

Open Channel Name	Length (miles)
North Branch	24.6
North Shore Channel	7.7
West Fork	9.5
Underwriter’s Tributary	0.3
Techny Drain	2.2
South Fork Techny Drain	0.6
North Navy Ditch	0.5
North Navy Ditch Diversion	0.2
South Navy Ditch	0.5
Skokie River	3.6
Skokie Lagoons	6.4
Skokie River West Ditch	3.3
Skokie River East Ditch	3.9
Skokie River Botanic Garden Diversion	2.0
Middle Fork	6.5
Ravine 1	0.7

TABLE 2.1.2
NBCR and LM Watersheds Open Channel Stream Lengths

Open Channel Name	Length (miles)
Ravine 2	0.7
Ravine 3	0.1
Ravine 4	0.6
Ravine 5	0.9
Ravine 6	0.3
Ravine 7	0.3
Ravine 8	1.8
Total	**75.5**

NOTE: Stream Lengths given are only for Cook County portions of the individual reaches

Table 2.1.3 lists the subwatersheds each municipality drains to, with subwatersheds listed in decreasing order based upon the area within the municipality. Although municipalities contribute stormwater to the listed subwatersheds, the actual stream may not be included within the municipality's boundaries.

TABLE 2.1.3
Municipality and Subwatersheds within the Municipality Boundary

Municipality	Subwatersheds within Municipality Boundary (square miles)
Chicago	Mainstem (49.21), Lake Michigan(7.81), North Shore Channel(7.11)
Deerfield	West Fork(0.51), Middle Fork[b]
Evanston	North Shore Channel(4.91), Lake Michigan (2.60), Skokie River (0.13)
Glencoe	Skokie River(1.91), Lake Michigan(1.82)
Glenview	West Fork(9.39), Mainstem (1.97), Middle Fork(0.34), Skokie River[b]
Golf	West Fork(0.34), Mainstem(0.11)
Harwood Heights	Mainstem(0.38)
Kenilworth	Lake Michigan(0.60), Skokie River[b]
Lincolnwood	North Shore Channel(2.68)
Morton Grove	Mainstem(4.99), West Fork[b], North Shore Channel[b]
Niles	Mainstem(4.06), North Shore Channel(0.28), West Fork[b]
Norridge	Mainstem(0.56)
Northbrook	West Fork(7.77), Middle Fork(2.16), Skokie River(1.38)
Northfield	Middle Fork(1.95), Skokie River(1.08), West Fork(0.19)
Park Ridge	Mainstem[b]
Skokie	North Shore Channel(8.68), Skokie River(1.34), Mainstem[b]
Wilmette	Skokie River(3.03), North Shore Channel(1.32), Lake Michigan(0.83), Mainstem(0.15)
Winnetka	Skokie River(2.49), Lake Michigan(1.34)
Unincorporated	Skokie River(2.05), West Fork(1.08), Mainstem(0.81), Middle Fork(0.56), Lake Michigan[b]

[b]Less than 0.1 square miles within municipality contributes to subwatershed

2.2 Stormwater Problem Data

To support DWP development, the District solicited input from stakeholders within the watershed. Municipalities, townships, and countywide, statewide, and national agencies such as Cook County Highway Department (CCHD), Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), and the USACE, for example, were asked to fill out two forms with information to support DWP development. Organizations such as ecosystem partnerships were also contacted by the District as part of this information-gathering effort. Form A included questions on stormwater data and regulations, Form B questions on known flooding, erosion, and stream maintenance problem areas. In addition to problem areas reported by municipalities, townships, public agencies and other stakeholders, results of H&H modeling performed as a part of DWP development identified stormwater problem areas. The H&H modeling process is described in general in Section 1.3 and specifically for each modeled reach in Section 3.

Figure 2.2.1 and Table 2.2.1 summarize the responses to Form B questions about flooding, erosion, and stream maintenance problem areas. Table 2.2.1 also includes the problem areas identified during the workshops with the WPC. As noted, the scope of the DWP addresses regional problems along open channel waterways. The definition of regional problems was provided in Section 1.

TABLE 2.2.1
Summary of Responses to Form B Questionnaire

Problem ID	Municipality	Problem as Reported by Local Agency	Location	Problem Description	Local/ Regional	Reason for Classification
NB-NBCD-CH-FL-01	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Citywide	Basement flooding, storm water sewer flow restriction. City sewer improvements are often focused towards areas of the most complaints.	Local	5
NB-NBCD-CH-FL-02	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Illinois Rt 19 at Ravenswood Pkwy (both sides)	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCD-CH-FL-03	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Rt 90/94 at California Ave	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCD-CH-FL-04	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Rt 90/94 at Edens Junction (Montrose to Wilson)	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCD-CH-FL-05	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Rt 90/94 at Addison St (NWB & SEB)	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCD-CH-FL-06	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Rt 90/94 at Fullerton Ave	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCD-CH-FL-07	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Rt 90/94 at Ogden Ave	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCD-CH-FL-08	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Rt 90/94 at Augusta Blvd (Lane 3) NB	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCD-CH-FL-09	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Rt 90/94 at IL Rt 50 (Cicero Ave) Lane 3	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCD-CH-FL-10	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Rt 90/94 at Damen Ave (Lane 1) NB	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCD-CH-FL-11	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Rt 90/94 at Division St	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCD-CH-FL-12	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Rt 90/94 at IL Rt 64 (North Ave) Lane 1 NB	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCD-CH-FL-13	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Rt 90/94 at Diversey Ave	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5

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NB-NBCD-CH-FL-14	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Rt 90/94 at Kimball (Exit 4)	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCD-CH-FL-15	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Rt 90/94 at Ashland Ave (Lane 1) NB	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCD-CH-FL-16	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Rt 90/94 at Montrose Ave	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	6
NB-NBCD-CH-FL-17	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Rt 90/94 at Kostner Ave	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCD-CH-FL-18	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Rt 90/94 at Logan Blvd	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCD-CH-FL-19	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Rt 90/94 at Armitage Ave (Lane 1) NB	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCD-CH-FL-20	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Rt 90/94 at IL Rt 19 (Irving Park Rd) Lane 1 SB	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCD-CH-FL-21	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Rt 90/94 at Pulaski Rd entrance ramp	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCD-CH-FL-22	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Rt 90/94 at Willow St (W/O)	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCD-CH-FL-23	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Rt 94 (Edens) at Wilson Rd (N/O Kennedy)	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCD-CH-FL-24	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Illinois Route 43 at IL Rt 72 (Higgins Rd) Lane 2	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCD-CH-FL-25	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Lawrence Ave at C, M & St. Paul Rd (viaduct) W/O I-94	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCD-CH-FL-26	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Lawrence Ave at Milwaukee Ave	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5

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Problem ID	Municipality	Problem as Reported by Local Agency	Location	Problem Description	Local/ Regional	Reason for Classification
NB-NBCD-CH-WQ-27	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Citywide	Basement flooding, storm sewer flow restriction, water quality (pollution). The City sewer improvements are often focused towards areas of the most complaints.	Local	5
NB-NBCU-CH-ER-28	City of Chicago	Streambank erosion on intercommunity waterways	LaBagh Woods - Bryn Mawr & Kostner Ave	FPDCC reported off-site stormwater volumes are causing downcutting in a ditch, thereby lowering the water table in the adjacent natural wetland areas.	Regional	1
NB-NBCU-CH-FL-29	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Citywide	Basement flooding, storm water sewer flow restriction throughout area. City sewer improvements are often focused towards areas of the most complaints.	Local	5
NB-NBCU-CH-FL-30	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Rt 90/94 at Central Ave	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCU-CH-FL-31	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Rt 90/94 at Milwaukee Ave (Lane 3)	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCU-CH-FL-32	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Rt 90/94 at Jefferson, Park Tunnel (NR Ainslie St) Lane 3	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCU-CH-FL-33	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Rt 94 (Edens) at N Elston Ave (SB)	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCU-CH-FL-34	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Rt 90 at Austin Ave	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCU-CH-FL-35	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Rt 90 at Lawrence Ave	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCU-CH-FL-36	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Rt 90 at Bryn Mawr Ave	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCU-CH-FL-37	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Rt 90 at Nagle Ave (NB ramp)	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCU-CH-FR-38	City of Chicago	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Albany Park	FPDCC reported off-site stormwater volumes are causing downcutting in a ditch, thereby lowering the water table in the adjacent natural wetland areas - (ponding checked on form B)	Regional	1
NB-NBCU-CH-WQ-39	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Citywide	Basement flooding, storm sewer flow restriction, water quality (pollution) throughout area. The City sewer improvements are often focused towards areas of the	Local	5

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Problem ID	Municipality	Problem as Reported by Local Agency	Location	Problem Description	Local/ Regional	Reason for Classification
				most complaints		
NB-NBCU-CH-WQ-40	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Throughout Chicago wetland areas	FPDCC reported off-site stormwater volumes are causing downcutting in a ditch, thereby lowering the water table in the adjacent natural wetland areas - (wetland issue considered WQ)	Local	4
NB-NSCH-CH-FL-41	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Rt 94 at Peterson/Caldwell Ave	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NSCH-CH-FL-42	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Rt 94 at US Rt 14	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NSCH-CH-FL-43	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Devon Ave @ 2570 Devon Ave	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCU-CH-FL-44	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Central Avenue at South of Devon Avenue	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCU-CH-FR-45	City of Chicago	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Albany Park	Overbank flooding throughout the community	Regional	1
LM-EV-SM-01	City of Evanston	Streambank erosion on intracommunity waterways	Lake Michigan Beachfront	Erosion at outfall at beach - maintenance	Local	6
NB-NSCH-EV-FL-02	City of Evanston	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Various locations in Evanston	Map of the pavement flooding for the September 2008 storm.	Local	5
NB-NSCH-EV-FL-03	City of Evanston	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Various locations in Evanston	Map of the basement flooding for the September 2008 storm.	Local	5
NB-NSCH-EV-FL-04	Village of Skokie, City of Evanston	Intracommunity (local) flooding	McCormick Blvd at Golf Rd (1/4 mile N/O)	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NSCH-EV-FL-05	City of Evanston	Intracommunity (local) flooding	McCormick Boulevard at Bridge Street (Northwest Corner)	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
LM-GC-EL-01	Village of Glencoe	Streambank erosion on intracommunity waterways	Ravines	Erosion in ravines	Local	6

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Problem ID	Municipality	Problem as Reported by Local Agency	Location	Problem Description	Local/ Regional	Reason for Classification
NB-SKED-GC-FL-02	Village of Glencoe	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Dundee Rd storm sewer (60" dia Sewer)	Dundee Road storm sewer Most flooding localized to intersections and private properties	Local	3,5
NB-NBCU-GV-FL-01	Village of Glenview	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Sunset Ridge Rd - East Lake Ave to Skokie Rd	Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCU-GV-FL-02	Village of Glenview	Intracommunity (local) flooding	East of Harm Road South of Lake Avenue	Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NVDN-GV-ER-03	Village of Glenview	Streambank erosion on intracommunity waterways	John's Drive at Willow Rd	Stream bank destabilization, erosion and sedimentation, and wetland/riparian areas at risk. Trees along channels continually contribute to log jams. Invasive species degrade habitat.	Regional	1
NB-NVDN-GV-SM-04	Village of Glenview	Stream maintenance	North Navy Ditch beginning at John's Dr. Navy Ditch confluence with West Fork	Following removal of buckthorn/brush from North Navy Ditch, remaining large cottonwood/box elder trees exposed to greater wind force, causing limb breakage/tree failure and minor re-blockage of channel	Regional	1
NB-NVDS-GV-ER-05	Village of Glenview	Streambank erosion on intercommunity waterways	Lehigh Road and Chestnut	Stream bank destabilization, erosion and sedimentation, and wetland/riparian areas at risk. Trees along channels continually contribute to log jams. Invasive species degrade habitat.	Regional	1
NB-NVDS-GV-FR-06	Village of Glenview	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Tall Trees Subdivision	Overbank Flooding	Regional	1
NB-NVDS-GV-SM-07	Village of Glenview	Stream maintenance	South Navy Ditch beginning at LeHigh Rd. South Navy Ditch confluence with West Fork	South Navy Ditch beginning at Lehigh Rd, Ongoing aging and breakage of trees along the South Navy Ditch eventually contributes to small log jams.	Regional	1
NB-NBCU-GV-FL-08	Village of Glenview	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Village of Glenview - Villagewide	Ponding and storm sewer flow restriction village-wide. Numerous areas in the Village developed prior to the 1980s have inadequate storm water conveyance and detention	Local	5
NB-WFNB-GV-FR-09	Village of Glenview	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Techny Basin 32C Glenview	Overbank flooding - Techny Basin 32C provides bulk of the Village's upstream storm water protection storage within the West Fork NBCR watershed. Recent storms brought risk of extreme flooding.	Regional	1

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Problem ID	Municipality	Problem as Reported by Local Agency	Location	Problem Description	Local/ Regional	Reason for Classification
NB-WFNB-GV-SM-10	Village of Glenview	Stream maintenance	Willow Rd & Ravine Ave, Techny Basin 32C	Maintenance necessary at the MWRD maintained spillway that has been identified for years at the biannual inspections.	Regional	1
NB-WFNB-GV-FL-11	Village of Glenview	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Illinois Tool Works Detention Pond	Local overbank flooding of existing detention pond due to debris collection at restrictor. Problem causing overbank flooding of local residents backyards and local power outages.	Local	6
NB-WFNB-GV-ER-12	Village of Glenview	Streambank erosion on intercommunity waterways	River between Glenview Rd and Waukegan Rd	Stream bank destabilization, erosion and sedimentation, wetland/riparian areas at risk. Significant erosion and undermined turf on East bank of West Fork (400 linear ft).	Regional	1
NB-WFNB-GV-ER-13	Village of Glenview	Streambank erosion on intercommunity waterways	Village of Glenview -Lot 16 Bank Stabilization	Stream bank destabilization, erosion and sedimentation, wetland/riparian areas at risk. Channel clogged primarily by woody debris. Banks unstable/choked with invasive species, particularly buckthorn.	Regional	1
NB-WFNB-GV-ER-14	Village of Glenview	Streambank erosion on intercommunity waterways	1201 Long Valey Road	Regional erosion occurring within 30 ft of residence on the west streambank.	Regional	1
NB-NBCU-GV-FL-15	Village of Glenview	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Village of Glenview	Ponding/storm sewer flow restriction in ~30% Village that is completely/partially non-storm-sewered. Village Storm Water Study: inadequate storm water detention/conveyance, inlet capacity.	Local	5
NB-NBCU-GV-FL-16	Village of Glenview	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Illinois Rt 43 at C, M, & St Paul RR	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-WRNB-GV-FL-17	Village of Glenview	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Greenwood Ave at S/O West Lake Ave	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-WFNB-GV-FL-18	Village of Glenview	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Pfingston Rd North of Glenview Road, South of Knollwood Lane	Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-WFNB-GV-FL-19	Village of Glenview	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Shermer Rd North of Central Road, South of Robincrest Lane	Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-WFNB-GV-FL-20	Village of Glenview	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Harlem Ave North of Lake Street, West of Robincrest Lane	Pavement flooding	Local	5

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NB-WFNB-GV-FL-21	Village of Glenview	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Spruce Drive South of Lake St, West of LeHigh Ave	Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-WFNB-GV-FL-22	Village of Glenview	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Locust Lane and Rolwind Road	Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-WFNB-GV-FL-23	Village of Glenview	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Country Lane and North Branch Rd	Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-WFNB-GV-FL-24	Village of Glenview	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Tall Trees Subdivision	Overbank flooding along West Fork	Regional	1
NB-WFNB-GV-SM-25	Village of Glenview	Stream maintenance	West Fork at Willow Rd & Ravine Wayand at Chestnut Ave	Log jam flow obstruction, continuing onwards to river S of Loyola Academy athletic campus. Trash/woody debris in dry former river channel to N of Lot 16.	Regional	1
NB-WFNB-GV-ER-26	Village of Glenview	Streambank erosion on intercommunity waterways	East side of West Fork NBCR, South of Glenview Rd; East side of West Fork NBCR, North of Waukegan Rd	Streambank Erosion	Regional	1
NB-WFNB-GV-WQ-27	Village of Glenview	Streambank erosion on intercommunity waterways	Village of Glenview	Stream bank destabilization, erosion and sedimentation, water quality affected by pollution, wetland/riparian areas at risk. East bank (400 linear ft) shows significant erosion and undermined turf.	Regional	1
NB-WFNB-GV-FL-28	Village of Morton Grove, Village of Glenview, Village of Golf	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Golf Rd E/O IL Rt 43 (Metra Viaduct)	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-WFNB-GV-FL-29	Village of Golf, Village of Glenview, Village of Morton Grove	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Golf Rd/Simpson St at C, M, & St Paul RR (viaduct)	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-WFNB-GV-ER-30	Village of Glenview	Streambank erosion on intercommunity waterways	Raleigh Road from York Road to Baffin Road	Streambank Erosion	Regional	1
NB-WFNB-GV-FL-31	Village of Glenview	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Illinois Route 43 at S/O Lake Avenue (Block 1200)	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5

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LM-KW-SM-01	Village of Kenilworth	Stream maintenance	Green Bay Road at Metra North Line	48" culvert silted up and deteriorating - no flooding	Local	5
LM-KW-SM-02	Village of Kenilworth	Stream maintenance	Sheridan Road - North of Kenliworth	Concrete pad surrounding MWRD interceptor is cracked and deteriorating	Local	5
NB-NSCH-LW-FL-01	Village of Lincolnwood	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Various locations throughout the Village of Lincolnwood	Basement flooding/ponding/water quality pollution. Sewer/floor drain back ups, street flooding, overland flooding entering through window wells, etc. Insufficient capacity of combined sewer system.	Local	5,6
NB-NSCH-LW-FL-02	Village of Lincolnwood	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Rt 94 (Edens) at Pratt Ave	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NSCH-LW-FL-03	Village of Lincolnwood	Intracommunity (local) flooding	US Rt 41 at Crawford Ave	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NSCH-LW-FL-04	Village of Lincolnwood	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Touhy Ave at Crawford Ave	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NSCH-LW-WQ-05	Village of Lincolnwood	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Various locations throughout the Village of Lincolnwood	Basement flooding/ponding/water quality pollution. Sewer/floor drain back ups, street flooding, overland flooding entering through window wells, etc. Insufficient capacity of combined sewer system.	Local	5,6
NB-NSCH-LW-FL-06	City of Chicago, Village of Lincolnwood	Intracommunity (local) flooding	McCormick Blvd at Devon Ave (50 ft north)	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCU-MG-ER-01	Village of Morton Grove	Streambank erosion on intercommunity waterways	Linne Woods, Village of Morton Grove	Tree impeding flow, failing streambank stabilization	Regional	1
NB-NBCU-MG-FL-02	Village of Morton Grove, Village of Glenview	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Illinois Rte 43 at IL Rt 58	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCU-MG-FL-03	Unincorp Cook County, Village of Morton Grove, Village of Golf	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Golf Rd at West of Harms Rd	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-WFNB-NB-ER-01	Village of Northbrook	Streambank erosion on intercommunity waterways	Middle Fork adjacent to properties on Red Coach Lane	Red Coach Lane - Bank erosion and sedimentation. There is severe erosion along the east bank of the Middle Fork NBCR adjacent to the properties on Red Coach Lane.	Regional	1

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NB-WFNB-NB-FR-02	Village of Northbrook	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Il Rt 68 at Waukegan Rd to Lee St/Shermer Rd	IDOT Pavement flooding due to overbank flooding of Middle Fork	Regional	1
NB-WFNB-NB-FR-03	Village of Northbrook	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Dundee at Timber Ln, Northbrook	IDOT Pavement flooding	Regional	1
NB-WFNB-NB-FL-04	Village of Northbrook	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Illinois Rt 68 at Interstate Rt 94 (E/O @ Skokie Blvd)	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-WFNB-NB-FL-05	Village of Northbrook	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Rt 94 (Edens) at Il Rt 68 (Dundee Rd)	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-WFNB-NB-FR-06	Village of Northbrook	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	From Fieldwood Dr and Techny Rd to Techny Drain near its confluence with West Fork	Flooding within backwater influence of West Fork NBCR extending approx 2000ft upstream along Techny Drain. Property/structure flooding within the backwater influence for short localized storms	Regional	1
NB-WFNB-NB-ER-07	Village of Northbrook	Streambank erosion on intercommunity waterways	Between Dundee Rd & Cherry Ln	Bank erosion and sedimentation. Severe bank erosion along both sides of West Fork NBCR	Regional	1
NB-WFNB-NB-ER-08	Village of Northbrook	Streambank erosion on intercommunity waterways	Fair Lane near Dundee Road/Western Ave. intersection	Banks along the West Fork of the North Branch are severely eroded behind Fair Lane.	Regional	1
NB-WFNB-NB-FR-09	Village of Northbrook	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Somme Prairie Grove Forest Preserve - Dundee & Waukegan Rd	FPDCC reported that the West Fork often overtops its banks and spills warm urban runoff into preserve degrading wetland and native habitats adjacent to the river.	Regional	1
NB-WFNB-NB-WQ-10	Village of Northbrook	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Somme Prairie Grove Forest Preserve - Dundee & Waukegan Rd	FPDCC reported that the West Fork often overtops its banks and spills warm urban runoff into preserve degrading wetland and native habitats adjacent to the river.	Regional	1
NB-MFNB-NB-FR-11	Village of Highland Park, Village of Northbrook, Village of Deerfield	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Northbrook Court, Deerfield, Highland Park	Overbank flooding, storm sewer flow restriction, insufficient river capacity. Regional detention at Northbrook Court fills and backs up river to overflowing. Stream rises into street inlets, street floods	Regional	1
NB-WFNB-NB-FR-12	Village of Northbrook	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Techny Basin 32A (Meadowhill Park)	Overbank flooding, storm sewer flow restriction. Diversion culverts (triple elliptical pipes) prone to clogging during high flow events and do not allow a sufficient amount of water to pass through.	Regional	1

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NB-WFNB-NB-FR-13	Village of Northbrook, Unincorp Cook County	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Techny Basin 32A (Meadowhill Park)	Overbank flooding. The Village of Northbrook's major storm sewer outfalls are submerged and conveyance problems result.	Regional	1
NB-WFNB-NB-FR-14	Village of Glenview	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Techny Basin 32B	Overbank flooding	Regional	1
NB-WFNB-NB-FR-15	Unincorp Cook County, Village of Northbrook	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Village of Northbrook, Unincorporated Cook Co	Overbank flooding, and storm sewer flow restriction. Overbank flooding and reduced conveyance capacity of sewers that get submerged.	Regional	1
NB-WFNB-NB-SM-16	Unincorp Cook County, Village of Northbrook	Stream maintenance	Techny Rd – Western Ave to Waukegan Rd	CCHD reported that structure number 016-3234 over West Fork NBCR - some debris accumulation at the center pier.	Regional	1
NB-WFNB-NB-FR-17	Northbrook, Unincorporated Cook County	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Northbrook, Unincorporated Cook Co	Overbank Flooding	Regional	1
NB-SKRV-NB-FL-18	Village of Northbrook	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Rt 94 (Edens) at Lake Cook Road	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-WFNB-NB-FL-19	Village of Northbrook	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Illinois Route 43 at Techny Road to Sherman Road	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-WFNB-NB-FL-20	Village of Northbrook	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Willow Road, East of Sherman Road (railroad Viaduct)	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-MFNB-NB-ER-21	Village of Northbrook	Streambank erosion on intercommunity waterways	Pebblebrook Rd	Regional erosion occurring greater than 30 ft from residences on west and east streambanks	Regional	1
NB-MFNB-NF-FR-01	Village of Northfield	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	N Bristol & Robinhood Ln	Willow Hill Condos - Basement and local road flooding due to overbank flooding	Regional	1
NB-MFNB-NF-ER-02	Village of Northfield	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Robin Hood Ln	Complaints about bank erosion/scouring on Middle Fork along Robin Hood Lane. Bank erosion threatening to wash away road.	Regional	1
NB-MFNB-NF-ER-03	Village of Northfield	Streambank erosion on intercommunity waterways	Meadowbrook Drive to Sunset Lane	Regional erosion occurring within 30 ft of residences and utility poles on west and east streambanks.	Regional	1
NB-MFNB-NF-ER-04	Village of Northfield	Streambank erosion on intercommunity waterways	2094 Middle Fork Road, Northfield, IL	Regional erosion occurring within 30 ft of residence on the west stream bank.	Regional	1

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NB-MFNB-NF-ER-05	Village of Northfield	Streambank erosion on intercommunity waterways	Willow Road to Abbot Court	Regional erosion occurring within 30 ft of residences on the west and east streambank of Middle Fork from Willow Road to Abbot Court.	Regional	1
NB-MFNB-NF-FL-06	Village of Northfield	Intracommunity (local) flooding	East of Wagner Road, South of Willow Road	Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-MFNB-NF-FR-07	Village of Northfield	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Interstate Rt 94 at Winnetka Ave to Skokie Rd (NB & SB)	IDOT Pavement flooding	Regional	1
NB-MFNB-NF-FR-08	Village of Northfield	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	S side of Willow Rd over Middle Fork	Basement and local flooding due to Overbank flooding	Regional	1
NB-MFNB-NF-FR-09	Village of Northfield	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	N side of Willow Rd over Middle Fork	Basement and local flooding due to Overbank flooding	Regional	1
NB-SKRV-NF-FR-10	Village of Northfield	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Interstate Rt 94 (Edens) at Skokie River	IDOT Pavement flooding	Regional	1
NB-SKWD-NF-FL-11	Village of Northfield	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Willow Rd from Happ Rd to Interstate Rt 94	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-SKWD-NF-FL-12	Village of Northfield	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Willow Rd at Central Ave Pavement flooding	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-SKWD-NF-FR-13	Village of Northfield	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Interstate Rt 94 (Edens) at Willow Rd (NB & SB)	IDOT Pavement flooding	Regional	1
NB-MFNB-NF-FL-14	Village of Northbrook, Village of Northfield, Village of Glenview, Unincorp Cook County	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Sunset Ridge Rd - East Lake Ave to Skokie Rd	CCHD reported that the 36" corrugated metal pipe West Side, 36" C.P. East Side, 1/4 mile North of Rolling Ridge Rd - some debris accumulation at the East end.	Local	2, 6
NB-MFNB-NF-FR-15	Village of Northfield, Unincorp Cook County	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Winnetka Rd - Wagner Rd to Happ Rd	CCHD reported that the creek floods the surrounding property in this area.	Regional	1
NB-SKRV-NF-FR-16	Unincorp Cook County, Village of Northfield	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Village of Northfield, Unincorporated Cook County	Unincorporated Cook County on Skokie River Downstream overbank flooding due to inefficient use of storage.	Regional	1

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NB-MFNB-NF-ER-17	Village of Northfield	Streambank erosion on intercommunity waterways	North of Winnetka Road along West side of Northfield Road	Streambank Erosion within 30ft of Northfield Road	Regional	1
NB-WFNB-NF-FL-18	Village of Northfield	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Illinois Route 43 at Willow Road to Winnetka Road	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-SKRV-NF-FR-19	Village of Northfield	Intercommuntity (regional) flooding	Willow heading East to I-94	Overbank Flooding	Regional	1
NB-NBCU-NL-FL-01	Village of Niles	Intracommunity (local) flooding	US Rt 14 at Illinois Rte 21 (Milwaukee Area)	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCU-NL-FL-02	Village of Niles	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Illinois Route 21 at Main St (S/O US Rt 14)	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCU-NL-FL-03	Village of Niles	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Illinois Rte 43 at Oakton St	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCU-NL-FL-04	Village of Niles	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Dempster Street East of Harlem Avenue	Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCU-NL-FR-05	Village of Niles	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Tam Golf Course	During major storm events, overbank flooding of the adjacent golf course - Tam Golf Course and/or its buildings owned by the Niles Park District.	Regional	1
NB-NBCU-NL-FR-06	Village of Niles	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Harts Rd & Riverside Drive, Niles	Overbank flooding in areas of the intersection during severe storm events.	Regional	1
NB-NBCU-NL-FL-07	Village of Niles	Intracommunity (local) flooding	IL Route 58 at Washington	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCU-NL-FL-08	City of Chicago, Village of Niles	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Illinois Rte 43 at Howard St (N/O)	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCU-NL-FL-09	Village of Skokie, Village of Niles	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Gross Point Rd at 7500 Gross Point Rd	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCU-NL-ER-10	Village of Niles	Streambank erosion on intercommunity waterways	Wood River Drive	Severe erosion problem along the NBCR for the townhouses located at 6620, 6622, 6624, 6626, 6628, 6630, 6632, 6634, 6636, 6638, and 6640 Wood River Drive.	Regional	1

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NB-NBCU-SK-FL-01	Village of Skokie	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Rt 94 at IL Rt 58	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCU-SK-FL-02	Village of Skokie	Intracommunity (local) flooding	US Rt 41 at Gross Point Rd	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCU-SK-FL-03	Village of Skokie	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Gross Point between Emerson & Kenton	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCU-SK-FL-04	Village of Skokie	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Church Rd at Gross Point Rd	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCU-SK-FL-05	Village of Skokie	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Harms Flatwoods Forest Preserve -Old Orchard Rd and Harms Rd	FPDCC reported that off-site stormwater volumes from adjacent properties modifies the hydrology in this ecologically significant flatwoods community with endangered and threatened plant species.	Local	6
NB-NBCU-SK-WQ-06	Village of Skokie	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Harms Flatwoods Forest Preserve -Old Orchard Rd and Harms Rd	FPDCC reported that off-site stormwater volumes from adjacent properties modifies the hydrology in this ecologically significant flatwoods community with endangered and threatened plant species.	Local	6
NB-NBCU-SK-FL-07	Village of Skokie	Intracommunity (local) flooding	US Rt 41 at Skokie Swift (S/O Oakton St)	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCU-SK-FL-08	Village of Skokie	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Church Rd at Central Park (construction zone)	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCU-SK-FL-09	Village of Skokie	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Church St at E/O US Rt 41 (Skokie Blvd)	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCU-SK-FL-10	Village of Skokie	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Oakton St at Skokie Blvd to McCormick Blvd	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCU-SK-FL-11	City of Evanston, Village of Skokie	Intracommunity (local) flooding	US Rt 41 @ Old Orchard Rd to Golf Rd	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NSCH-SK-FL-12	Village of Skokie, Village of Lincolnwood	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Rt 94 (Edens) at Touhy Ave (NB & SB)	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5

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NB-NSCH-SK-FL-13	Village of Skokie, Village of Lincolnwood	Intracommunity (local) flooding	McCormick Blvd at Touhy Ave to Howard Street	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NSCH-SK-FL-14	Village of Skokie, City of Evanston	Intracommunity (local) flooding	McCormick Blvd at Emerson St	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NSCH-SK-FL-15	Village of Skokie, City of Evanston	Intracommunity (local) flooding	McCormick Blvd at Oakton St (S/O)	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NSCH-SK-FL-16	Village of Skokie, City of Evanston	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Crawford Ave at N/O Golf Rd	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCU-UC-ER-01	Unincorporated Cook County	Streambank erosion on intercommunity waterways	Harms Flatwoods Forest Preserve -West of Old Orchard Rd and Harms Rd	FPDCC reported that properties on the west side of the preserve discharge stormwater directly to forest preserve with impacts of erosion, sedimentation, and habitat degradation.	Regional	1
NB-NBCU-UC-WQ-02	Unincorporated Cook County	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Harms Flatwoods Forest Preserve -West of Old Orchard Rd and Harms Rd	FPDCC reported that properties on the west side of the preserve discharge stormwater directly to forest preserve with impacts of erosion, sedimentation, and habitat degradation.	Regional	1
LM-WK-EL-01	Village of Winnetka	Streambank erosion on intracommunity waterways	Ravines	General streambank erosion ravines	Local	6
NB-SKRV-WK-FL-02	Village of Winnetka	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Skokie Ditch	Flooding due to poorly defined overflow routes and inadequate capacity of Skokie Ditch storm sewers.	Local	6
LM-WK-ER-03	Village of Winnetka, Village of Glencoe	Streambank erosion on intercommunity waterways	Lake Michigan Waterfront	Bluff erosion	Regional	1
NB-NBCU-WM-FL-01	Village of Wilmette	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Various locations west of Ridge Rd in the Village of Wilmette	Ponding/storm sewer flow restriction after rain events in isolated low areas/storm restrictions. Storm sewer surcharging by high river water levels results in yard ponding/depressed driveways/garages	Local	5
NB-NBCU-WM-FL-02	Village of Wilmette	Intracommunity (local) flooding	US Rt 41 at N/O Hibbard Rd	Pavement flooding	Local	5
NB-NBCU-WM-FL-03	Village of Wilmette	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Rt 94 (Edens) at Glenview Rd	Pavement flooding	Local	5

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NB-NBCU-WM-FL-04	Village of Wilmette	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Various locations in Wilmette	Map of the local ponding for the September 2008 Storm	Local	5
NB-NBCU-WM-FL-05	Village of Wilmette	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Various locations in Wilmette	Map of the local basement flooding for the September 2008 storm	Local	5
NB-NBCU-WM-FR-06	Village of Wilmette	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Wilmette Golf Course	Flooding and ponding at the Wilmette Golf Course after rain events. High water levels in the river causes stormwater to back up within the golf course.	Regional	1
LM-MM-ER-01	Village of Winnetka, Village of Glencoe	Streambank erosion on intercommunity waterways	Lake Michigan Waterfront	Bluff erosion	Regional	1

Reasons for Regional / Local Classifications:
1. Located on an open channel waterway with greater than 0.5 square mile drainage area
2. Roadway culvert (two-lane road)
3. Roadway culvert (greater than two-lane road)
4. Located in headwater area (less than 0.5 square mile drainage area)
5. Located with storm sewer system (regardless of drainage area)
6. Located beyond immediate area of regional waterway and/or problem occurs on a local waterway

2.3 Watershed Analysis Data

2.3.1 Monitoring Data

2.3.1.1 USGS Gage Data

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) owns and maintains a nationwide network of stream gages used to record real-time measurements of the monitored stream's water surface elevations. Rating curves developed through periodic paired stage and flow measurements are used to develop rating curves for the stream, relating estimated flow to measured stage.

There are five primary USGS stream gages that were used for stage and flow calibration and verification. The West Fork gage at Dundee Road (05535500), Middle Fork gage at Lake-Cook Road (05534500), and Skokie River gage at Clavey Road (05535070) were used to hydrologically calibrate the flows entering the Cook County portion of the watershed from Lake County. Stage and flow comparisons were made at the Mainstem of the North Branch gages at Touhy Avenue (05536000) and Albany Avenue (05536105) for the calibration and verification events to ensure that they met District criteria for flow, volume, and stage.

For the NSC and Mainstem downstream of the North Branch Dam, the USACE used a number of USGS and MWRD elevation gages to calibrate and verify the CAWS model. More detail on this gage data usage can be found within the USACE report entitled, "Chicago Downtown Flooding Study Final Report."

TABLE 2.3.1
USGS Gage Data in the NBCR Watershed

Description	**Stream Gage Site Data**		**Stream Gage Site Data**	
USGS GAGE #	05534500		05535500	
Location	North Branch Chicago River at Deerfield, IL		WF of NB Chicago River at Northbrook, IL	
Latitude	42°09'10"		42°08'18"	
Longitude	87°49'07" NAD83		87°50'05" NAD83	
	Lake County, Hydrologic Unit 07120003		Cook County, Hydrologic Unit 07120003	
Contributing drainage area:	19.7 square miles		11.5 square miles	
Datum of gauge:	638.88 ft above sea level NGVD29		637.98 ft above sea level NGVD29	
Data Type	**Begin Date**	**End Date**	**Begin Date**	**End Date**
Real-time	This is a real-time site.		This is a real-time site.	
Peak stream flow	03/15/1953	12/27/2008	03/14/1953	03/08/2009
Daily Data				
Discharge, ft^3/sec	08/01/1952	Current	08/08/1952	Current
Gage height, ft	11/30/1993	Current	04/14/1994	Current
Daily Statistics				
Discharge, ft^3/sec	08/01/1952	09/30/2009	08/08/1952	09/30/2009
Gage height, ft	11/30/1993	09/30/2009	04/14/1994	09/30/2009

<u>Monthly Statistics</u>				
Discharge, ft^3/sec	08/1952	09/2009	08/1952	09/2009
Gage height, ft	11/1993	09/2009	09/1994	09/2009
<u>Annual Statistics</u>				
Discharge, ft^3/sec	1952	2009	1952	2009
Gage height, ft	1994	2009	1994	2009
Field/lab water quality samples	10/02/1974	04/29/1997	10/02/1974	08/09/1983

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Description	**Stream Gage Site Data**		**Stream Gage Site Data**	
USGS GAGE #	05536000		05536105	
Location	North Branch Chicago River at Niles, IL		NB Chicago River at Albany Avenue at Chicago, IL	
Latitude	42°00'44"		41°58'27"	
Longitude	87°47'45" NAD83		87°42'21" NAD83	
	Cook County, Hydrologic Unit 07120003		Cook County, Hydrologic Unit 07120003	
Contributing drainage area:	100 square miles		113 square miles	
Datum of gauge:	601.99 ft above sea level NGVD29		580.67 ft above sea level NGVD29	
Data Type	**Begin Date**	**End Date**	**Begin Date**	**End Date**
Real-time	This is a real-time site.		This is a real-time site.	
Peak stream flow	05/11/1951	06/19/2009	05/10/1990	06/19/2009
<u>Daily Data</u>				
Discharge, ft^3/sec	10/01/1950	Current	10/01/1989	Current
Gage height, ft	10/01/1991	Current	10/01/1993	Current
<u>Daily Statistics</u>				
Discharge, ft^3/sec	10/01/1950	09/30/2009	10/01/1989	09/30/2009
Gage height, ft	10/02/1991	09/30/2009	10/01/1993	09/30/2009
<u>Monthly Statistics</u>				
Discharge, ft^3/sec	10/1950	09/2009	10/1989	09/2009
Gage height, ft	10/1991	09/2009	10/1993	09/2009
<u>Annual Statistics</u>				
Discharge, ft^3/sec	1951	2009	1990	2009
Gage height, ft	1992	2009	1994	2009
Field/lab water quality samples	10/03/1974	04/29/1997	none	none

TABLE 2.3.1
USGS Gage Data in the NBCR Watershed

Description	**Stream Gage Site Data**	
USGS GAGE #	05535070	
Location	Skokie River near Highland Park, IL	
Latitude	42°09'35"	
Longitude	87°47'53" NAD83	
	Lake County, Hydrologic Unit 07120003	
Contributing drainage area:	21.1 square miles	
Datum of gauge:	622.83 ft above sea level NGVD29	
Data Type	**Begin Date**	**End Date**
Real-time	This is a real-time site.	
Peak stream flow	06/10/1967	12/27/2008
Daily Data		
Discharge, ft^3/sec	08/21/1967	Current
Gage height, ft	10/01/1993	Current
Daily Statistics		
Discharge, ft^3/sec	08/21/1967	09/30/2009
Gage height, ft	10/01/1993	09/30/2009
Monthly Statistics		
Discharge, ft^3/sec	08/1967	09/2009
Gage height, ft	10/1993	09/2009
Annual Statistics		
Discharge, ft^3/sec	1967	2009
Gage height, ft	1994	2009
Field/lab water quality samples	10/01/1974	08/08/1983

2.3.1.2 Rainfall Data

Numerous sources of rain gage data were evaluated in order to build a gage network that would allow for complete coverage of the NBCR and LM watersheds. The final gage network consisted of four Cook County Precipitation Network (CCPN) gages and one Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (LCSMC) gage. The CCPN is a series of six mile grid spaced gages recorded at a 10-minute interval; the LCSMC gage network is a series of five mile grid spaced gages recorded at a 5-minute interval. Figure 2.3.1 shows locations where rainfall gage data was available to support the DWP. The subbasins for all four main reaches are shown on Figure 2.3.1 color-coded to indicate which subbasins were associated with which rainfall gages during the calibration process, which is discussed in detail in Section 3.

Information on the precipitation data used to calibrate the USACE CAWS model can be found in the report referenced in section 2.3.1.1.

2.3.1.3 Stage Data

No additional stage data, outside of the USGS gage data was used to calibrate the NBCR models or LM models. Information on the stage data used to calibrate the USACE CAWS model can be found in the report referenced in section 2.3.1.1.

2.3.2 Subwatershed Delineation

The NBCR watershed and LM watershed was divided into subwatersheds representing areas tributary to the waterways in the study area. Elevation data provided by Cook County, described further in Section 2.3.4, was the principal data source used for subwatershed delineation. Drainage divides were established based upon consideration of the direction of steepest descent from local elevation maxima. Occasionally, Cook County elevation data contains constructed structures that do not represent surface hydrology, for instance, raised roadways that do not restrict overland flow. The delineation in these areas was modified to best represent surface hydrology. The storm-sewer network was also considered in the delineation of some areas, particularly in the low gradient areas of the lower Mainstem of the NBCR where ground slope was slight or inconclusive. Finally, reference of previous studies and consultation with community representatives helped resolve subwatershed boundaries in areas of question.

Following the definition of subwatersheds, tributaries studied in detail were divided into smaller subbasins, represented in the hydrologic model as having a unified response to rainfall. The size of subbasins varied based upon the drainage network density and proximity to the hydraulically modeled waterway. Subbasin boundaries were modified to generally encompass areas with similar development patterns. Boundaries were defined to most accurately represent the actual area tributary to specific modeled elements, such as constrictions caused by crossings, and reservoirs.

Figure 2.3.2 shows the subwatersheds and subbasins developed for the DWP. Subbasins were not defined for areas that were not modeled in detail. Subbasins in the NSC and Mainstem downstream of the North Branch Dam watersheds are part of the USACE CAWS model, and are not included in Figure 2.3.2. The subbasin delineations for these reaches can be found in the USACE report referenced in section 2.3.1.1.

2.3.3 Drainage Network

The principal waterways of the NBCR watershed and LM watershed were defined during Phase A of the watershed study. Initial identification of the stream centerline was made using planimetry data obtained from Cook County. Stream centerlines were reviewed against aerial photography and Cook County contour data at a 1:500 scale, and modified to best represent existing conditions. These streamlines were included in the topographic model of the NBCR watershed and LM watershed (see Section 2.3.4), and collect runoff from upland drainage areas. Secondary drainage ways that were not modeled were identified based upon review of contour data. In flat, heavily sewered areas, consultation of sewer atlases and discussion with community representatives helped to identify significant drainage paths. Secondary drainage ways were used to help define flow paths in the hydrologic models for individual tributaries.

Figure 2.3.3 shows the major drainage ways within the NBCR watershed and LM watershed superimposed upon an elevation map of the watershed.

2.3.4 Topography and Benchmarks

The NBCR watershed is generally defined by areas of high relief at the tributary headwaters in Lake County, and areas of very low relief as the NBCR combines with the North Shore Channel. The areas of low relief primarily occur in the City of Chicago, which is a heavily storm-sewered municipality.

Topographic data for the NBCR and LM watersheds were developed from Cook County light detection and ranging (LiDAR) data generated from a 2003 LiDAR mission (Cook County, 2003). The LiDAR data was obtained along with break lines from Cook County. A digital elevation model (DEM) was developed for the NBCR and LM watersheds based upon a subset of filtered elevation points. Figure 2.3.3 shows elevations within the watershed.

Stream channel cross section and stream crossing structure (such as bridge and culvert) topographic data was collected during field survey work conducted primarily between November 2008 and June 2009 to support the DWP. Additional field survey was performed in February 2010 and June 2010.

The reference benchmarks created during the Cook County aerial mapping project completed in 2003 were used to establish first-order control for field survey work. One hundred thirty-five control points were established during the mapping project. Of those, 25 are National Geodetic Survey (NGS)/High Accuracy Reference Network (HARN) control stations within Cook County and environs. The remaining points were either existing or new points identified as photo control specifically for the mapping project. 71NGS monuments within the region surrounding the NBCR and LM watersheds were observed, referenced to HARN, and used to establish first-order control, meeting the horizontal and vertical accuracy standards specified in FEMA's *Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping,* "Guidance for Aerial Mapping" (FEMA 2003). The horizontal ground control was established by GPS technology, and horizontal positioning accuracy meets the specifications of the Federal Geodetic Control Subcommittee (FGCS) Second Order Class One.

2.3.5 Soil Classifications

NRCS soil data representative of 2002 conditions was obtained for Cook County. The NRCS soil data includes hydrologic soil group, representing the minimum infiltration rate of the soil after wetting. Table 2.3.2 summarizes the hydrologic soil groups. The NRCS provides two types of soil datasets for the area. One type is the Soil Survey Geographic, or SSURGO, dataset[1]. The SSURGO dataset is available for select areas and is a detailed soil survey. The City of Chicago is not included in the SSURGO dataset, although portions of the North Branch upper basin are included.

A second type of soils dataset developed by the NRCS is the U.S. General Soil Map (formerly the State Soil Geographic dataset), also known as STATSGO or STATSGO2[2]. STATSGO is more general than SSURGO and is based on a wide range of available soil literature. The City of

[1] http://soils.usda.gov/survey/geography/ssurgo/
[2] http://soils.usda.gov/survey/geography/statsgo/

Chicago and portions of the North Branch lower basin are mapped in the STATSGO dataset. The SSURGO dataset areas in the upper basin (the Skokie River, Upper North Branch, and a portion of the West Fork) are at a smaller, more refined scale than STATSGO. While SSURGO is the preferred dataset, the additional use of STATSGO in the lower basin shows soils with HSG ranging from "A" (low runoff potential) to "C" (moderately high runoff potential). The STATSGO soil dataset will be used to supplement SSURGO data, rather than assuming a uniform soil type. The STATSGO and SSURGO datasets can both be classified under the A-D hydrologic soil groups shown in Table 2.3.2.

TABLE 2.3.2
Hydrologic Soil Groups

Hydrologic Soil Group	Description	Texture	Infiltration Rates (in./hr)
A	Low runoff potential and high infiltration rates even when wetted	Sand, loamy sand, or sandy loam	> 0.30
B	Moderate infiltration rates when wetted	Silt loam or loam	0.15–0.30
C	Low infiltration rates when wetted	Sandy clay loam	0.05–0.15
D	High runoff potential and very low infiltration when wetted	Clay loam, silty clay loam, sandy clay, silty clay, or clay	0–0.05

All data from *Technical Release 55, Urban Hydrology for Small Watersheds*, NRCS, June 1986

Soil groups with drainage characteristics affected by a high water table are indicated with a "/D" designation, where the letter preceding the slash indicates the hydrologic group of the soil under drained conditions. Thus, an "A/D" indicates that the soil has characteristics of the A soil group if drained but the D group if not. Because of the difficulty of establishing the extent of drainage of these soils for each mapped soil polygon, it was assumed that 50 percent (by area) of the soil types are drained. Table 2.3.3 summarizes the distribution of hydrologic soil type throughout the NBCR and LM watersheds. Figure 2.3.4 shows the distribution of soil types throughout the watersheds.

TABLE 2.3.3
Hydrologic Soil Group Distribution

Hydrologic Soil Group	% of NBCR & LM Watershed
Unmapped	0.5
A/B	17.8
B	0.8
B/C	57.7
B/D	1.6
C	19.4
D	2.2

2.3.6 Land Use

Land use has a significant effect on basin hydrology, affecting the volume of runoff produced by a given area and the speed of runoff delivered to the receiving system. Impervious areas restrict infiltration and produce more runoff, which is often delivered to receiving systems more rapidly through storm sewer networks. Land use was one of two principal inputs into the calculation of CN for the NBCR and LM watersheds, detailed more extensively in Section 1.3.2.

A 2001 land use inventory for the Chicago metropolitan area was received from CMAP in GIS format. The data was used to characterize existing conditions land use within the NBCR and LM watersheds. The data include 49 land use classifications, grouped into seven general categories for summarizing land use within the DWP. Table 2.3.4 summarizes the land use distribution within the NBCR and LM watersheds. Figure 2.3.5 shows the distribution of general land use categories throughout the watersheds.

TABLE 2.3.4
Land Use Distribution within the NBCR & LM Watersheds

Land Use Type	Area (mi^2)	Area (%)
Residential	82.2	58.4
Forest/Open Land	21.5	15.3
Commercial/Industrial	24.8	17.6
Water/Wetland	1.3	1
Agricultural	0.3	0.2
Transportation/Utility	3.7	2.6
Institutional	6.9	4.9

2.3.7 Anticipated Development and Future Conditions

Anticipated development within the NBCR and LM Watershed was analyzed using population projection data. Projected future conditions land use data for the NBCR and LM watersheds are unavailable from CMAP or other regional agencies. Projected 2030 population data for Cook County was obtained from CMAP. Population data was overlaid upon subwatershed boundaries to identify the potential for increases in subwatershed populations. Table 2.3.5 shows subwatersheds with a projected population increase from the year 2000 population. Projected increases in population along with current subwatershed land use conditions make it likely that there will also be a corresponding increase in impervious surface area. This potential change in impervious surface area could contribute to higher flow rates and volumes of stormwater runoff drained by those tributaries.

TABLE 2.3.5
Projected Population Increase by Subwatershed

Name	2000 Population	2030 Population	Population Change	% Increase
West Fork	101,441	112,691	11,250	11
Middle Fork	50,747	57,273	6,526	13
Skokie River	131,887	135,499	3,612	3
Mainstem	205,077	218,931	13,854	7
Lake Michigan	441,175	486,120	44,945	10

Management of future development may be regulated through both local ordinances and the Cook County Watershed Management Ordinance (WMO) as described below in Section 2.3.9. This regulation would be an effort to prevent an increase in peak flows, via the construction of site-specific stormwater controls. The impact of the modified hydrologic and hydraulic characteristics of the subwatersheds due to changing land use over time may require the recommended projects to be re-evaluated under the conditions at the time of implementation to refine the details of the final design. To accomplish this, it is recommended that at the time projects are implemented, if updated land use and topographic information is available, the H&H models be rerun incorporating this new data.

2.3.8 Wetland and Riparian Areas

Wetland areas within the NBCR and LM Watershed were identified using National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) mapping. NWI data includes approximately 2.6 square miles of wetland areas in the NBCR and LM Watershed. Riparian areas are defined as vegetated areas between aquatic and upland ecosystems adjacent to a waterway or body of water that provide flood management, habitat, and water quality enhancement. Identified riparian areas defined as part of the DWP offer potential opportunities for restoration. Figures 2.3.6 and 2.3.7 contain mapping of wetland and riparian areas in the NBCR and LM Watershed, respectively.

2.3.9 Management of Future Conditions through the Regulations of Site Stormwater Management

The District regulates the discharge of stormwater runoff from development projects located within separate sewer areas within the District's corporate boundaries through its Sewer Permit Ordinance. Currently, development projects meeting certain thresholds must provide stormwater detention in an effort to restrict the post-development flow rate to the pre-development flow rate. A number of communities enforce standards beyond the District's currently required standards and thresholds. This DWP supports the continued regulation of future development through countywide stormwater management.

The Cook County WMO is under development and is proposed to provide uniform minimum countywide standards for site stormwater runoff for events up to and including the 100-year event that are appropriate for Cook County. This effort seeks to prevent post-development flows from exceeding pre-development conditions. The WMO is proposed to be a comprehensive ordinance addressing site runoff, floodplains, floodways, wetlands, soil erosion and sedimentation, water quality, and riparian environments.

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3. Tributary Characteristics and Analysis

3.1 West Fork of the NBCR

The West Fork, the northwestern most tributary in the NBCR watershed, has a total stream length of 20.7 miles and a total drainage area of approximately 28 square miles. Table 3.1.1 summarizes the land area of communities within the West Fork subwatershed. The West Fork subwatershed consists primarily of residential and commercial areas and includes a large portion of forest preserve area located in the northern part of the subwatershed. Table 3.1.2 summarizes the land use distribution within the West Fork.

Figures 3.1.1a and 3.1.1b are an overview of the tributary area of the West Fork subwatershed. Reported stormwater problem areas, flood inundation areas, and proposed alternative projects are also shown and discussed in the following subsections.

TABLE 3.1.1
Communities Draining to the West Fork[1]

Community/Tributary	Tributary Area (mi^2)
Glenview	9.39
Northbrook	7.77
Deerfield	2.88
Unincorporated	2.01
Riverwoods	1.55
Lincolnshire	1.22
Lake Forest	1.08
Bannockburn	0.82
Deerfield	0.51
Golf	0.34
Mettawa	0.23
Northfield	0.19

[1] Includes communities/area in Lake County

3.1.1 Sources of Data

3.1.1.1 Previous Studies

Data from the 1998 and 2000 FIS regulatory models (HEC-2) were utilized to supplement the newly developed DWP HEC-RAS model for the West Fork. For the Techny Drain tributary, the Village of Northbrook's "Techny Drain Hydrology and Hydraulics" (2007) study was used to assist with subbasin delineation and flow diversion modeling. Additionally, for the Underwriter's Tributary, the 2000 FIS regulatory model was used to assist with subbasin delineation and storage modeling.

TABLE 3.1.2
Land Use Distribution for the West Fork[1]

Land Use Category	Area (acres)	%
Residential	10,061	55.9
Forest/Open Land	3,076	17.1
Commercial/Industrial	3,053	17.0
Institutional	851	4.7
Transportation/Utility	376	2.1
Water/Wetland	294	1.6
Agricultural	280	1.6

[1] Includes land uses in Lake County

3.1.1.2 Water Quality Data

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) has three Ambient Water Quality Monitoring Network sites on the West Fork. The West Fork, IL-HCCB-05, is identified as impaired in the IEPA's 2008 Integrated Water Quality Report, which includes the Clean Water Act (CWA) 303(d) and 305(b) lists, for Chloride, DDT, Dissolved Oxygen, Phosphorous (Total), Total Suspended Solids (TSS), and

Fecal Coliform. No total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) have been established for the West Fork. TMDLs are currently being developed for chloride and fecal coliform. According to a water permit discharge query from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), there are three National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits issued by IEPA to Prairie Material Sales, Inc. in Northbrook, Underwriters Lab, Inc. in Northbrook, and Village of Golf CSOs for discharges to the West Fork. Municipalities discharging to the West Fork are regulated by IEPA's NPDES Phase II Stormwater Permit Program, which was instituted to improve water quality by requiring that municipalities develop six minimum control measures for limiting runoff pollution to receiving systems.

3.1.1.3 Wetland and Riparian Areas

Figures 2.3.6 and 2.3.7 contain mapping of wetland and riparian areas in the NBCR Watershed. Wetland areas were identified using National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) mapping. NWI data includes approximately 150 acres of wetland areas in the West Fork tributary area. Restoration and enhancement of wetlands are included as part of the recommended alternatives described in the sub-sections below. Riparian areas are defined as vegetated areas between aquatic and upland ecosystems adjacent to a waterway or body of water that provides flood management, habitat, and water quality enhancement. Identified riparian environments offer potential opportunities for restoration.

3.1.1.4 Floodplain Mapping

Flood inundation areas supporting the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) were revised in 2008 as a part of FEMA's Map Modernization Program. Floodplain boundaries were revised based upon updated Cook County topographic information, but the effective models used to estimate flood levels generally were not updated. Localized Letters of Map Revisions (LOMRs) were incorporated in the revised floodplains. The effective FIS H&H analysis was performed in 1994. The hydrologic modeling was performed by using HEC-1 and Regression Equation 79; Hydraulic routing was performed using HEC-2.

Appendix A includes a comparison of FEMA's effective floodplain mapping from updated DFIRM panels with inundation areas developed for the DWP.

3.1.1.5 Stormwater Problem Data

Table 3.1.3 summarizes reported problem areas reviewed as a part of the DWP development. The problem area data was obtained primarily from Form B questionnaire response data provided by watershed communities, agencies, and stakeholders to the District. Problems are classified in Table 3.1.3 as regional or local. This classification is based on a process described in Section 1 of this report.

3.1.1.6 Near-Term Planned Projects

Watershed communities, agencies, and stakeholders were asked about near-term planned projects so that the implementation of near-term flood control projects by others is considered in development of the DWP. Several studies are currently underway in the West Fork subwatershed; however, no near-term planned flood control projects by others have been identified for this area.

TABLE 3.1.3
Community Response Data for the West Fork

Problem ID[1]	Municipality	Problems as Reported by Local Agency	Location	Problem Description	Local/ Regional	Resolution in DWP
GV-FL-08	Village of Glenview	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Village of Glenview - Villagewide	Ponding and storm sewer flow restriction village-wide. Numerous areas in the Village developed prior to the 1980s have inadequate storm water conveyance and detention	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
GV-FL-11	Village of Glenview	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Illinois Tool Works Detention Pond, Glencoe	Local overbank flooding of existing detention pond due to debris collection at restrictor. Problem causing overbank flooding of local residents' backyards and local power outages.	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local maintenance problem.
GV-ER-03	Village of Glenview	Streambank erosion on intracommunity waterways	John's Dr at Willow Road	Stream bank destabilization, erosion and sedimentation, and wetland/riparian areas at risk. Trees along channels continually contribute to log jams. Invasive species degrade habitat.	Regional	Erosion problem does not threaten structures or conveyance of West Fork. Not addressed by DWP.
GV-SM-04	Village of Glenview	Stream maintenance	North Navy Ditch beginning at John's Dr. Navy Ditch confluence with West Fork	Following removal of buckthorn/brush from North Navy Ditch, remaining large cottonwood/box elder trees exposed to greater wind force, causing limb breakage/tree failure and minor re-blockage of channel	Regional	Maintenance and debris removal recommended in Section 4.
GV-ER-05	Village of Glenview	Streambank erosion on intercommunity waterways	Lehigh Avenue and Chestnut Avenue	Stream bank destabilization, erosion and sedimentation, and wetland/riparian areas at risk. Trees along channels continually contribute to log jams. Invasive species degrade habitat.	Regional	Erosion problem does not threaten structures or conveyance of West Fork. Not addressed by DWP.

TABLE 3.1.3
Community Response Data for the West Fork

Problem ID[1]	Municipality	Problems as Reported by Local Agency	Location	Problem Description	Local/ Regional	Resolution in DWP
GV-FR-06	Village of Glenview	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Tall Trees Subdivision	Overbank Flooding in Tall Trees Subdivision.	Regional	The recommend alternative for this problem is WF-06.
GV-SM-07	Village of Glenview	Stream maintenance	South Navy Ditch beginning at Lehigh Avenue South Navy Ditch confluence with West Fork	South Navy Ditch beginning at Lehigh Rd, Ongoing aging and breakage of trees along the South Navy Ditch eventually contributes to small log jams.	Regional	Maintenance and debris removal recommended in Section 4.
NB-FR-12	Village of Northbrook	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Techny Basin 32A (Meadowhill Park)	Overbank flooding, storm sewer flow restriction. Diversion culverts (triple elliptical pipes) prone to clogging during high flow events and do not allow a sufficient amount of water to pass through.	Regional	The recommend alternative for this problem is WF-06.
NB-FR-13	Village of Northbrook, Unincorp Cook County	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Techny Basin 32A (Meadowhill Park)	Techny Basin 32A Overbank flooding. The Village of Northbrook's major storm sewer outfalls are submerged and conveyance problems result.	Regional	The recommend alternative for this problem is WF-06.
NB-FR-14	Village of Glenview	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Techny Basin 32B	Overbank flooding	Regional	The recommend alternative for this problem is WF-06.
GV-FR-09	Village of Glenview	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Techny Basin 32C	Overbank flooding - Techny Basin 32C provides bulk of the Village's upstream storm water protection storage within the West Fork NBCR watershed. Recent storms brought extreme flooding.	Regional	The recommend alternative for this problem is WF-06.
GV-SM-10	Village of Glenview	Stream maintenance	Willow Road & Ravine Avenue Techny Basin 32C	Techny Basin 32C maintenance necessary at the MWRD maintained spillway that has been identified for years at the biannual inspections.	Regional	Maintenance activities recommended in Section 4.

TABLE 3.1.3
Community Response Data for the West Fork

Problem ID[1]	Municipality	Problems as Reported by Local Agency	Location	Problem Description	Local/ Regional	Resolution in DWP
NB-FR-06	Village of Northbrook	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	From Fieldwood Drive and Techny Road to Techny Drain near its confluence with West Fork	Flooding within backwater influence of West Fork NBCR extending approx 2000ft upstream along Techny Drain. Property/structure flooding within the backwater influence for short localized storms	Regional	The recommend alternative for this problem is WF-06.
GV-ER-12	Village of Glenview	Streambank erosion on intercommunity waterways	River between Glenview Road and Waukegan Road	Stream bank destabilization, erosion and sedimentation, wetland/riparian areas at risk. Significant erosion and undermined turf on East bank of West Fork (400 linear ft).	Regional	Confirmed with Village of Glenview that local project to mitigate erosion already implemented.
GV-ER-13	Village of Glenview	Streambank erosion on intercommunity waterways	Lot 16 Bank Stabilization	Streambank destabilization, erosion and sedimentation, wetland/riparian areas at risk. Channel clogged primarily by woody debris. Banks unstable/choked with invasive species, particularly buckthorn.	Regional	Erosion problem does not threaten structures or conveyance of West Fork. Not addressed by DWP.
GV-ER-14	Village of Glenview	Streambank erosion on intercommunity waterways	1201 Long Valley Road	Regional erosion occurring within 30 ft of residence on the west streambank.	Regional	Erosion problem not immediately threatening structure. Not addressed by DWP.
GV-FL-15	Village of Glenview	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Village-wide	Ponding/storm sewer flow restriction in 30% of Village that is partially non-storm-sewered. Village Storm Water Study: inadequate storm water detention/conveyance, inlet capacity.	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.

TABLE 3.1.3
Community Response Data for the West Fork

Problem ID[1]	Municipality	Problems as Reported by Local Agency	Location	Problem Description	Local/ Regional	Resolution in DWP
GV-FL-16	Village of Glenview	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Illinois Route 43 at C, M, & St Paul RR	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
GV-FL-17	Village of Glenview	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Greenwood Avenue at S/O West Lake Avenue	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
GV-FL-18	Village of Glenview	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Pfingston Road North of Glenview Road, South of Knollwood Lane	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
GV-FL-19	Village of Glenview	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Shermer Road North of Central Road, South of Robincrest Lane	Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
GV-FL-20	Village of Glenview	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Harlem Avenue North of Lake Street, West of Robincrest Lane	Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.

TABLE 3.1.3
Community Response Data for the West Fork

Problem ID[1]	Municipality	Problems as Reported by Local Agency	Location	Problem Description	Local/ Regional	Resolution in DWP
GV-FL-21	Village of Glenview	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Spruce Drive South of Lake Street, West of Lehigh Avenue	Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
GV-FL-22	Village of Glenview	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Locust Lane & Rolwind Road	Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
GV-FL-23	Village of Glenview	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Country Lane and North Branch Road	Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
GV-FR-24	Village of Glenview	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Tall Trees Subdivision	Overbank flooding along West fork	Regional	The recommend alternative for this problem is WF-06.
GV-SM-25	Village of Glenview	Stream maintenance	West Fork at Willow Road & Ravine Way and at Chestnut Avenue	Log jam flow obstruction, continuing onwards to river south of Loyola Academy athletic campus. Trash/woody debris in dry former river channel to north of Lot 16.	Regional	Maintenance and debris removal recommended in Section 4.

TABLE 3.1.3
Community Response Data for the West Fork

Problem ID[1]	Municipality	Problems as Reported by Local Agency	Location	Problem Description	Local/ Regional	Resolution in DWP
GV-ER-26	Village of Glenview	Stream maintenance on intercommunity waterways	East side of West Fork NBCR, South of Glenview Road; East side of West Fork NBCR, North of Waukegan Road	Streambank Erosion	Regional	Confirmed with Village of Glenview that local project to mitigate erosion already implemented.
GV-WQ-27	Village of Glenview	Streambank erosion on intercommunity waterways	River between Glenview Road and Waukegan Road	Stream bank destabilization, erosion and sedimentation, water quality affected by pollution, wetland/riparian areas at risk. East bank (400 linear ft) shows significant erosion and undermined turf.	Regional	Confirmed with Village of Glenview that local project to mitigate erosion already implemented.
GV-FL-28	Village of Morton Grove, Village of Glenview, Village of Golf	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Golf Road E/O IL Route 43 (Metra Viaduct)	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
GV-FL-29	Village of Golf, Village of Glenview, Village of Morton Grove	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Golf Road/Simpson Street at C, M, & St Paul RR (viaduct)	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.

TABLE 3.1.3
Community Response Data for the West Fork

Problem ID[1]	Municipality	Problems as Reported by Local Agency	Location	Problem Description	Local/ Regional	Resolution in DWP
GV-ER-30	Village of Glenview	Streambank erosion on intercommunity waterways	Raleigh Road from York Road to Baffin Road	Streambank Erosion	Regional	Erosion problem does not threaten structures or conveyance of West Fork. Not addressed by DWP.
GV-FL-31	Village of Glenview	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Illinois Route 43 at S/O Lake Avenue (Block 1200)	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
NB-FR-15	Unincorp Cook County, Village of Northbrook	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Village of Northbrook, Unincorporated Cook County	Overbank flooding, and storm sewer flow restriction. Overbank flooding and reduced conveyance capacity of sewers that get submerged.	Regional	The recommend alternative for this problem is WF-06.
NB-SM-16	Unincorp Cook County, Village of Northbrook	Stream Maintenance	Techny Road – Western Avenue to Waukegan Road	CCHD reported that structure number 016-3234 located over West Fork has some debris accumulation at the center pier.	Regional	Maintenance and debris removal recommended in Section 4.
NB-FR-17	Northbrook, Unincorporated Cook County	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Northbrook, Unincorporated Cook County	Overbank Flooding	Regional	The recommend alternative for this problem is WF-06.

TABLE 3.1.3
Community Response Data for the West Fork

Problem ID[1]	Municipality	Problems as Reported by Local Agency	Location	Problem Description	Local/ Regional	Resolution in DWP
NB-FL-19	Village of Northbrook	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Illinois Route 43 at Techny Road to Sherman Road	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
NB-FL-20	Village of Northbrook	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Willow Road, East of Sherman Road (railroad Viaduct)	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
NB-ER-07	Village of Northbrook	Streambank erosion on intercommunity waterways	Between Dundee Road & Cherry Lane	Bank erosion and sedimentation. Severe bank erosion along both sides of West Fork NBCR	Regional	The recommend alternative for this problem is WF-03.
NB-ER-08	Village of Northbrook	Streambank erosion on intercommunity waterways	Fair Lane near Dundee Road\Western Avenue Intersection	Banks along the West Fork of the North Branch are severely eroded behind Fair Lane.	Regional	The recommend alternative for this problem is WF-03.
NB-FR-09	Village of Northbrook	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Somme Prairie Grove Forest Preserve - Dundee & Waukegan Road	FPDCC reported that the West Fork often overtops its banks and spills warm urban runoff into preserve degrading wetland and native habitats adjacent to the river.	Regional	The focus of this DWP is to recommend regional flood control projects to mitigate damage to structures.

TABLE 3.1.3
Community Response Data for the West Fork

Problem ID[1]	Municipality	Problems as Reported by Local Agency	Location	Problem Description	Local/ Regional	Resolution in DWP
NB-WQ-10	Village of Northbrook	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Somme Prairie Grove Forest Preserve - Dundee & Waukegan Road	FPDCC reported that the West Fork often overtops its banks and spills warm urban runoff into preserve degrading wetland and native habitats adjacent to the river.	Regional	Water quality problem not addressed by DWP. The focus of this DWP is to recommend regional flood control projects to mitigate damage to structures.
NF-FL-18	Village of Northfield	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Illinois Route 43 at Willow Road to Winnetka Road	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.

[1] All Problem IDs begin with either NB-WFNB- , NB-NVDN-, or NB-NVDS- as all problems are within the North Branch - West Fork, North Navy Ditch, or South Navy Ditch subwatersheds.

3.1.2 Watershed Analysis

3.1.2.1 Hydrologic Model Development

Subbasin Delineation. The West Fork tributary area was delineated based primarily upon LiDAR topographic data developed by Cook County in 2003. The watershed boundaries of the West Fork (western edge) and Des Plaines River (eastern edge) were compared, and discrepancies were identified. Discrepancies generally were minor and resolved by manual review of topographic data and consultation with the Des Plaines River DWP consultant, Christopher B. Burke Engineering.

Hydrologic Parameter Calculations. Table 3.1.4 summarizes the total drainage area, number of modeled subbasins, and average subbasin size for West Fork and its major tributaries.

TABLE 3.1.4
West Fork System Subbasin Summary

Subbasin	Drainage Area (mi^2)	Number of Modeled Subbasins	Average Modeled Subbasin Size (acres)
West Fork	19.3	42	300
Major Tributaries to West Fork			
Underwriters Tributary	0.5	4	85
Techny Drain	2.0	12	105
North Navy Ditch	4.4	5	562
South Navy Ditch	0.3	2	82

Curve Numbers (CNs) were estimated for each subbasin based upon NRCS soil data and 2001 CMAP land use data. This method is further described in Section 1.3.2, with lookup values for specific combinations of land use and soil data presented in Appendix C. An area-weighted average of the CN was generated for each subbasin. The Clark unit hydrograph method was used to convert SCS CN runoff volumes into subbasin-specific hydrographs. Time of concentration (Tc) and storage coefficient (R) parameters for the Clark unit hydrograph method were estimated as described in Section 1.3.2. Appendix G provides a summary of the hydrologic parameters used for subbasins in each subwatershed.

3.1.2.2 Hydraulic Model Development

Field Data, Investigation, and Existing Model Data. No hydraulic models that met the District criteria for use in the DWP, as identified in Section 6.3.3.2 of the CCSMP, were available for DWP development. Field surveys of the West Fork and bridge crossings were performed to characterize the channel and near overbank geometry. Cross-sectional geometry in the non-surveyed overbank area was obtained from Cook County topographic data and combined with the field surveyed channel cross sections. Field visits were performed to assess channel and overbank roughness characteristics, which were combined with information from photographs and aerial photography to assign modeled Manning's *n* roughness coefficients along the modeled stream length.

Boundary Conditions. The downstream boundary condition for the West Fork is the stage of the Mainstem of the NBCR at the confluence of the two reaches. The unsteady model produces water surface elevations at each time step, therefore providing a downstream boundary condition at each time step of the simulation. The maximum existing conditions 100 year water surface elevation (WSEL) at this junction is 621.33 feet in vertical elevation datum NAVD 88.

3.1.2.3 Calibration and Verification

Observed Data. As in shown in Figure 2.3.1, three thiessen polygons, based on three different precipitation gages, allow for complete coverage of the West Fork subwatershed. The northernmost thiessen polygon is based on the LCSMC "Riverwoods" gage; the middle and lower portions of the West Fork are covered by CCPN gages 1 and 4, respectively. Data for the September 2008 and October 2001 storms were gathered for calibration and verification of the hydrologic and hydraulic models.

The only USGS stream gage on the West Fork, gage number 05535500, is located at the Dundee Road crossing. Supplemental information on this stream gage can be found in Table 2.3.1. Peak flow information for the calibration and verification events can be found in Table 3.1.5. The Deerfield Reservoir is located immediately south of the Cook County line and upstream of the Dundee Road gage. The location of this reservoir, which significantly attenuates flows, reduced the sensitivity of adjustments made in the hydrologic model upstream of the Cook County line. The HEC-HMS hydrographs (without any adjustments to modeling parameters) were initially used as a boundary condition to the HEC-RAS model. The HEC-RAS model indicated, however, that the Deerfield Reservoir was completely filling with water in the 100-year event, and that a significant amount of flow was leaving the reservoir through the auxiliary spillway. This was not considered representative of reservoir performance, so the HEC-1 hydrograph from the Lake County regulatory model was incorporated as the boundary condition for the HEC-RAS model for modeling design storms.

TABLE 3.1.5
Flow Events at USGS gage 05535500

Date	Peak Monitored Flow (cfs)
9/13/2008	703
10/13/2001	848

Figure 3.1A shows superimposed comparisons of the HEC-RAS and USGS gage hydrographs (river gage 05535500) at the gage location for the 2008 event. Figure 3.1B shows these same hydrographs for the 2001 event. Figures 3.1C and 3.1D show the stage curve comparisons for the September and October events, respectively. Although the HEC-RAS hydrographs show peaks that are lower than the USGS gage peaks, the difference between the observed and calibrated model flows and water surface elevations were generally considered to be within an acceptable margin of error.

FIGURE 3.1A
West Fork flow comparison for September 13, 2008 storm

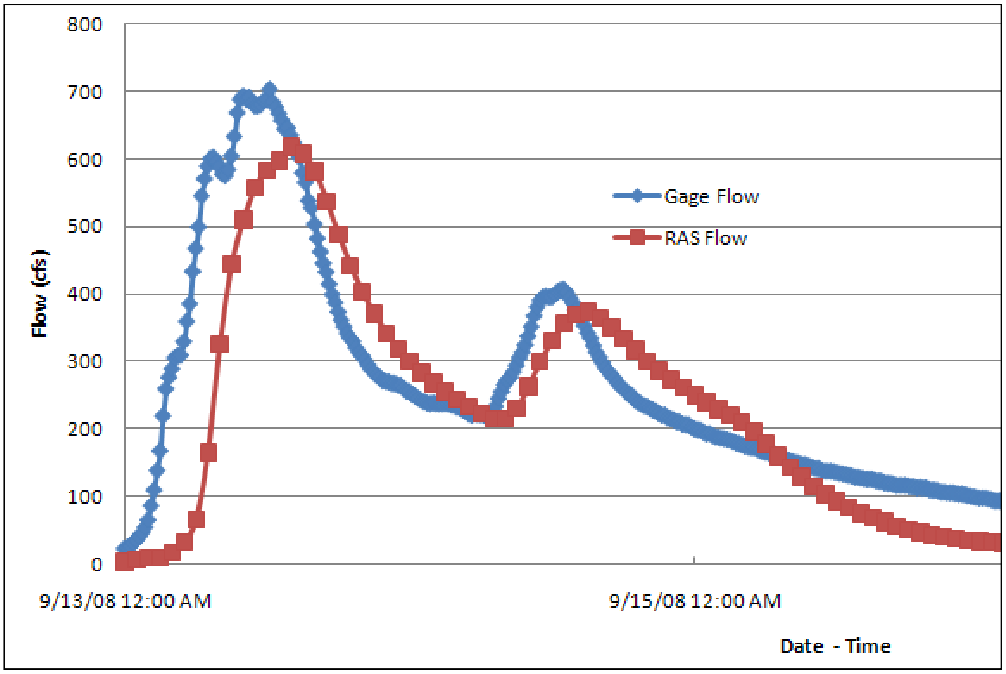


FIGURE 3.1B
West Fork flow comparison for October 13, 2001 storm

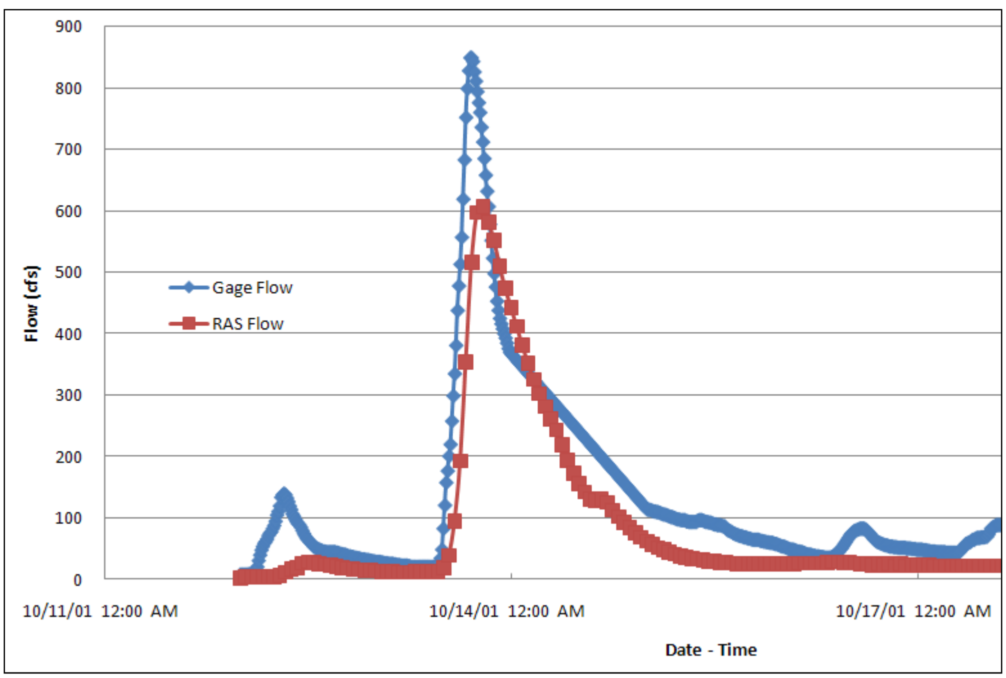


FIGURE 3.1C
West Fork stage comparison for September 13, 2008 storm

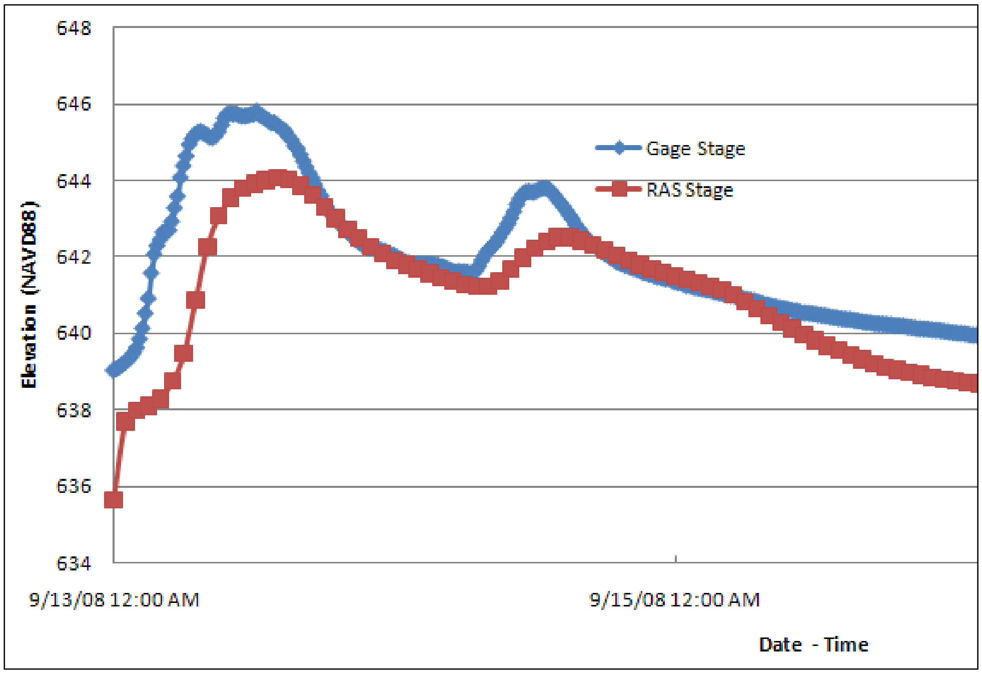
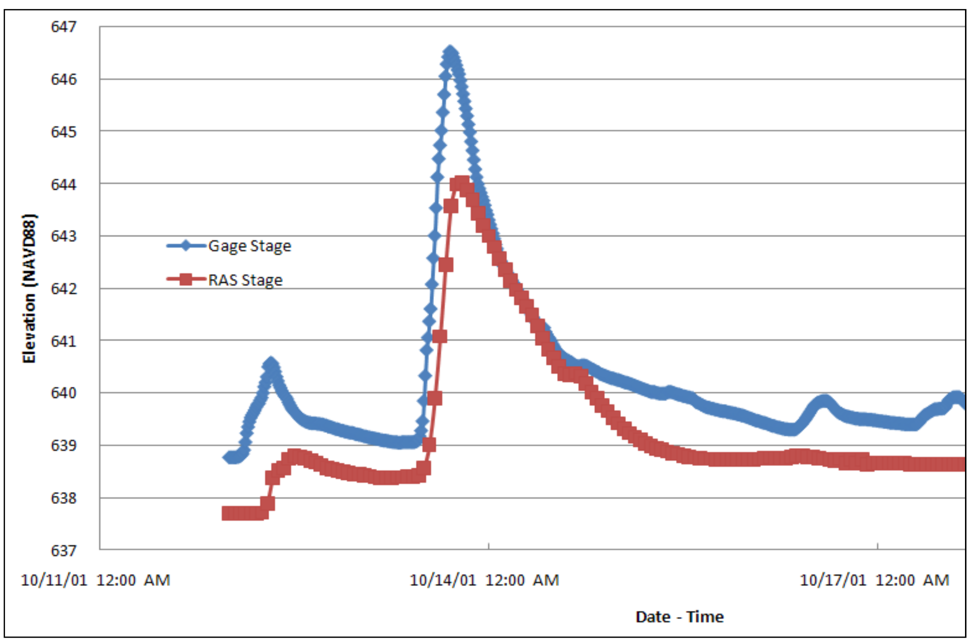


FIGURE 3.1D
West Fork stage comparison for October 13, 2001 storm



Calibration Results. The aforementioned location and operation of the Deerfield Reservoir and associated attenuation of flows upstream of the Dundee Road gage significantly impacts the effects of hydrologic adjustments made upstream. With the results of the HEC-RAS and gage hydrograph comparisons being similar with regard to flow, stage, and hydrograph shape, no modifications were made to the upstream hydrology. Flow, volume, and stage were checked at the Mainstem gages at Touhy Avenue and Albany Avenue, in order to verify the model met CCSMP criteria. The Mainstem gage comparisons can be found in section 3.4.2.5.

3.1.2.4 Existing Conditions Evaluation

Flood Inundation Areas. Figures 3.1.1a and 3.1.1b show inundation areas produced by the hydraulic model for the 100-year, 24-hour duration design storm.

Hydraulic Profiles. Appendix H contains hydraulic profiles of existing conditions in the West Fork reach. Profiles are shown for the 2-, 5-, 10-, 25-, 50-, 100-, and 500-year recurrence interval design storms.

3.1.3 Development and Evaluation of Alternatives

3.1.3.1 Modeled Problem Definition

Hydraulic model results were reviewed with inundation mapping to identify locations where property damage due to flooding is predicted. Table 3.1.6 summarizes major problem areas identified through hydraulic modeling of the West Fork.

TABLE 3.1.6
Modeled Problem Definition for the West Fork

Problem ID	Location	Recurrence Interval of Flooding (yr)	Associated Problem from Table 3.1.3
MPWF1	Between Walters Avenue and Illinois Road	100	NB-FR-12
MPWF2	The Techny Drain just south of Techny Road between the two crossing sets of railroad tracks near the confluence with the West Fork	100	NB-FR-06
MPWF3	The South Navy Ditch and the west overbank of the West Fork between Chestnut Avenue and Lake Avenue	25, 50, 100	GV-FR-06
MPWF4	West overbank of the West Fork between Lake Avenue and Glenview Road	5, 10, 25, 50,100	GV-FR-24
MPWF5	Both overbanks of the West Fork between Glenview Road and Long Valley Road	25, 50, 100	GV-FR-24

Damage Assessment. Damages were defined following the protocol defined in Chapter 6.6 of the CCSMP. No recreation damages due to flooding were identified for the West Fork. Transportation damages were estimated as 15 percent of property damages plus $200,000 of Metra RR damages due to erosion. Erosion damages were determined for active erosion problems that threaten structures along the banks of the West Fork. For streambank erosion to qualify as threatening, the erosion must occur within 30 feet of a structure.

TABLE 3.1.7
Estimated Damages for the West Fork

Damage Category	Estimated Damage ($)	Note
Property	197,501,000	Structures at risk of flooding
Erosion - structures	1,350,000	Structures at risk due to erosion
Transportation	29,825,000	Assumed as 15% of property damage due to flooding plus Metra RR transportation damages

3.1.3.2 Technology Screening

Flood control technologies were screened to identify those most appropriate to address the flooding problems in the West Fork subwatershed. Increased regional storage was identified as the principal solution for addressing stormwater problems in the West Fork.

3.1.3.3 Alternative Development

Stormwater improvement alternatives were developed to address regional stormwater problems identified in Table 3.1.3, with the aim of reducing damages due to stormwater.

Flood Control Alternatives. Alternative solutions to regional flooding and streambank erosion problems were developed and evaluated consistent with the methodology described in Section 1.4 of this report. Table 3.1.8 summarizes flood and erosion control alternatives developed for the West Fork. Based on the feedback from watershed communities, a review of previous studies, and a consideration of available open tracts of land, stormwater detention alternatives developed for the West Fork were focused primarily on expanding and optimizing existing regional flood control reservoirs.

TABLE 3.1.8
Flood Control and Erosion Control Alternatives for the West Fork

Alternative	Location	Description
WF-01	The Deerfield (USACE 29A) Reservoir, just south of Lake-Cook Road	Raise the overflow weir at the reservoir in order to utilize the full storage capacity
WF-02	The Dundee Road bridge crossing	Reduce the bridge opening in order to restrict flow and store water upstream of the bridge
WF-03	Between Dundee Road and Cherry Lane along the Milwaukee District North Railroad line	Hard armoring of the east bank for stabilization

TABLE 3.1.8
Flood Control and Erosion Control Alternatives for the West Fork

Alternative	Location	Description
WF-04	The Techny 32A Reservoir, just north of Techny Road	Steepen existing side slopes of reservoir to 3(H):1(V); adds approximately 80 acre-ft of storage
WF-05	The Techny 32A Reservoir, just north of Techny Road	Expand 32A Reservoir into the adjacent Anetsberger Golf Course, in addition to WF-04; adds approximately 995 acre-ft of storage
WF-06	The Techny 32A Reservoir, just north of Techny Road	WF-05 Alternative with alterations to the inlet weir and restrictor barrels in order to fully utilize the additional storage
WF-07	The Techny 32B Reservoir, just north of Willow Road	Expansion of 32B in-line storage
WF-08	The Techny 32B Reservoir, just north of Willow Road	WF-07 plus raising the elevation of the Willow Road dam
WF-09	The Techny 32B Reservoir, just north of Willow Road	Techny 32B dam alteration
WF-10	West Fork stream banks from Willow Road to Chestnut Avenue	Streambank stabilization
WF-11	The Techny 32C Reservoir, just south of Willow Road	Techny 32C expansion into the mobile home park at South Branch Road; adds approximately 700 acre-ft of storage
WF-12	The Techny 32C Reservoir, just south of Willow Road	Techny 32C expansion into Lot 16, an open parcel just south of the reservoir; adds approximately 110 acre-ft of storage
WF-13	The Techny 32C Reservoir, just south of Willow Road	Overflow weir adjustment in order to fully utilize existing storage
WF-14	Along the North and South Navy ditches	Erosion stabilization along both ditches
WF-15	Lake Glenview; east of the North Navy Ditch at Lehigh Ave.	Expand the lake in order to reduce discharge into the North Navy Ditch
WF-16	West Fork banks from Glenview Road to Waukegan Road	Erosion Stabilization along both banks
WF-17	West Fork banks from Glenview Road to Old Orchard Road	Erosion Stabilization along both banks
WF-18	West bank of the West Fork at Long Valley Road	Erosion Stabilization of west bank

TABLE 3.1.8
Flood Control and Erosion Control Alternatives for the West Fork

Alternative	Location	Description
WF-19	The Techny 32C Reservoir, just south of Willow Road	Combination of WF-11 and WF-12 storage alternatives
WF-20	32A location and 32C location	Combination of WF-06 and WF-19 storage alternatives
WF-21	The Techny 32B Reservoir, just north of Willow Road	WF-07 plus expansion into the current ‘wetland pods’

Erosion Control Alternatives. Six erosion control alternatives, WF-03, -10, -14, -16, -17, and -18, were investigated for the West Fork in order to address the erosion problems that were reported. Alternative WF-03 was recommended based on infrastructure within 30 feet of active streambank erosion. Alternative WF-03 will provide hard armoring of the east streambank where erosion is occurring. See section 3.1.3.5 below for more detail on WF-03. The armoring is conceptually developed to include costs consistent with traditional approaches to armoring, such as concrete walls. As an alternative to using concrete, there are other hard-armoring erosion protection techniques available to stabilize the West Fork that will give a more natural appearance than concrete. For example, the use of riprap in conjunction with geotextile fabric is a hard-armoring protection alternative that can be designed to provide protection to the streambank while providing a more aesthetically pleasing improvement. The protection treatment will be provided along the existing West Fork alignment along the existing east bank slopes and keyed-in at toe of bank slope.

3.1.3.4 Alternative Evaluation and Selection

WF-01 considered raising the elevation of the overflow spillway on the Deerfield (29A) Reservoir. The elevation was raised from 652 to 654 in order to fully utilize existing storage within the basin. While this alternative did reduce WSELs by 0.35 feet over a few hundred feet of stream length, the amount of storage gained was not significant enough to make an impact on any of the regional flooding problems. This alternative is not recommended.

WF-02 considered reducing the Dundee Road bridge opening from 380 square feet to 75 square feet in order to store water in the adjacent upstream forest preserve. A WSEL decrease of 0.6 feet did occur, but this decrease did not extend downstream far enough to positively impact any of the regional flooding problems. Increases in WSELs occurred upstream of the bridge ended, adversely impacting the Underwriter’s Tributary. This alternative is not recommended.

WF-03 considered hard armoring the east bank of the West Fork between Dundee Road and Cherry Lane. There are two segments of erosion protection being proposed, the first is a 450 ft by 70 ft area that protects infrastructure, including utility poles and residences, southwest of Fair Lane. The second area is 30 ft by 970 ft; this segment protects Metra’s Milwaukee District North railroad embankment and rail infrastructure and includes utility pole relocations. See Figure 3.1.2 for a conceptual plan of this project. This alternative is recommended.

WF-04 considered steepening the side slopes of the Techny 32A reservoir. The current side slopes are approximately 6H:1V and this alternative would steepen side slopes to 3H:1V in order to gain a minimal amount of additional storage. The alternative adds approximately 80 acre-ft of storage, which doesn't reduce WSELs dramatically. The WF-04 alternative is not recommended by itself, but it has been added on to WF-06.

WF-05 considered expanding the Techny 32A reservoir to the west into Northbrook Park District's Anetsberger Golf Course. A buyout of the golf course, combined with the storage gained from WF-04, would allow for approximately an additional 995 acre-ft of storage to be added to the reservoir. This alternative, as is, did not allow for complete utilization of the additional storage because too much in-stream flow was bypassing the reservoir. This alternative, independently, is not recommended.

WF-06 considered reducing the bypass flow around the Techny 32A reservoir and allowing more flow to enter the reservoir described in alternative WF-05. The restrictor barrels on the east side of the reservoir were reduced from 3-66 inch pipes to 1-66 inch pipe, which allows the flow in the channel to back up and increase flow into the inlet weir. As a part of this alternative, the inlet weir length was increased from 90 feet to 200 feet. This increase in weir length allows for flow to enter the reservoir at a higher rate, while reducing the increase in WSEL upstream of the restrictor barrels. In total, this alternative steepens the existing side slopes to 3:1, expands the 32A reservoir into the Anetsberger Golf Course, removes two restrictor barrels, and extends the inlet weir by 110 feet. These proposed changes reduced WSELs in the MPWF1 through MPWF5 modeled problem areas. While the WSEL reductions do not completely eliminate flood damages in these areas, this alternative does improve the regional flooding situation. See Figure 3.1.3a for a conceptual plan of this project. This alternative is recommended as the most beneficial flood control project to mitigate overbank flooding of the West Fork.

WF-07 considered excavation of open space in the northeast corner of the Techny 32B inline reservoir. The alterative involves excavation of approximately 245 acre-ft of open space. The additional storage yields a range of WSEL reductions with a maximum reduction of just over 0.3 feet. The 0.3 ft WSEL reduction does not extend very far downstream and there are minor reductions in inundation, therefore this alternative is not recommended.

WF-08 considered raising the elevation of the Willow Road Dam, which is the inline weir that restricts flow exiting from the Techny 32B reservoir. Raising this weir by 1.7 feet should allow for increased storage in the reservoir, but flows are high enough to overtop the weir at this revised elevation. Raising the weir increases WSEL upstream of the dam while having no positive downstream impact. This alternative is not recommended.

WF-09 considered raising the elevation of the Willow Road Dam to the maximum elevation allowed by the surrounding topography, with the thought that eliminating weir overtop would reduce flow delivered to the downstream channel. Raising the weir height by approximately 6 feet still does not eliminate weir overtop, and the small decrease in downstream WSELs does not justify the large increase in upstream WSELs with negative impacts to the Techny Drain. This alternative is not recommended.

WF-10 considered erosion stabilization along the West Fork banks from Willow Road to Chestnut Avenue. Field review determined that there were no structures within 30 feet of this active streambank erosion, and therefore, this alternative is not recommended.

WF-11 considered expanding the Techny 32C reservoir east into the mobile home park located at the southeast corner of the reservoir. The proposed expansion would create approximately 700 acre-ft of additional storage. This alternative yields a maximum WSEL decrease of 1.3 feet and it addresses modeled problem areas MPWF3 through MPWF5. Because this alternative does not utilize an open parcel in the vicinity of this reservoir, the mobile home buyout by itself is not ideal. This alternative is not recommended.

WF-12 considered using the "Lot 16" parcel for flood storage by tying it into the Techny 32C reservoir system. Lot 16 is an open parcel located in between the 32C reservoir and the Valley Lo Golf Club; the parcel is owned by the Village of Glenview and is available for use. Excavation of this lot and hydraulically connecting it to the 32C reservoir adds approximately 100 acre-ft of storage to the system. Utilization of Lot 16 only yields a maximum of one-third of a foot in WSEL reduction, and considering the cost of construction, this alternative alone would not be worth the cost. This alternative is not recommended.

WF-13 considered raising the 32C overflow weir. Much like the WF-01 alternative, the WF-13 alternative does reduce downstream WSELs, but does not extend far enough to have any realized impact on problem areas with potential structure damages. This alternative is not recommended.

WF-14 considered erosion stabilization along both banks of the North and South Navy Ditches. A field review of the reported erosion problems found no structures within 30 feet of active bank erosion. This alternative is not recommended.

WF-15 considered a possible expansion of Lake Glenview, which is located just upstream of the North Navy Ditch. The outflow from Lake Glenview is the main source of West Fork inflow downstream of the Techny 32C reservoir. Increasing the storage capacity of this lake and restricting the outflow to the West Fork would reduce WSELs in the lower portion of the reach, but in discussing this alternative with the Village of Glenview, the project was deemed to be infeasible at this time. The area surrounding Lake Glenview is fully developed with commercial and recreational infrastructure surrounding the lake, which would make increasing storage capacity of the lake infeasible from design and construction perspectives. This alternative is not recommended.

WF-16 considered erosion stabilization along both banks of the West Fork from Glenview Road to Waukegan Road. A field review of the reported erosion problems found a recently implemented erosion stabilization project, including but not limited to riprap, geostabilization, seeding, and plantings. Upon coordination with the Village of Glenview, the erosion problem was confirmed as mitigated through a local erosion stabilization project implemented by the Village.

WF-17 considered erosion stabilization along both banks of the West Fork from Glenview Road to approximately Long Valley Road. A field review of the reported erosion problem area found that there were no structures within 30 feet of this active streambank erosion, and therefore, this alternative is not recommended.

WF-18 considered erosion stabilization along the west bank of the West Fork near Long Valley Road. A field review of the reported erosion problem area found one residential structure within 30 feet of bank erosion that appeared to be protected by dumped riprap and not at imminent risk of erosion damage. This erosion problem should continue to be monitored for imminent risk to the residential structure at 1201 Long Valley Drive. Due to lack of imminent risk of erosion damage, this alternative is not recommended at this time.

WF-19 considered combining the 32C Reservoir alternatives, WF-11 and WF-12. This alternative included the buyout and excavation of the Sunset Village mobile home park, as well as the utilization of the "Lot 16" parcel for storage. The approximate 814 acre-ft of storage added yields a maximum WSEL decrease of approximately 1.4 feet. This alternative addresses problem areas MPWF3 through MPWF5, but does not completely resolve flooding in these areas. After DWP cost analysis and generation of B/C ratios, this alternative is not recommended as the most cost effective solution to overbank flooding of the West Fork.

WF-20 considered combining the recommended 32C storage alternative with the recommended 32A storage alternative (WF-06 + WF-19.) Based on inquiries from several communities and subsequent direction from the District, this combined alternative was investigated to determine what additional benefits, if any, would occur with the implementation of both projects. Because neither alternative completely eliminates the modeled problem areas on its own, an attempt was made to combine the relative impacts of each reservoir expansion. The result of the combination of these two alternatives is very similar to the result of the 32A reservoir expansion (WF-06) on its own. The 32A expansion attenuates a large portion of the flow within the West Fork reach until the point in the reach where the North Navy Diversion Ditch combines with the West Fork and increases flow values. The 32C reservoir is located north (upstream) of this confluence, and therefore, does not attenuate the peak flows from the North Navy Diversion Ditch that floods areas downstream. This alternative is listed in the DWP as an alternative due to the requested investigation of this combined solution. However, given the very similar benefits as WF-06 and the subsequent B/C ratio that is much lower than WF-06, the recommendation, from a flood mitigation perspective, is to implement WF-06 in lieu of this combined alternative.

WF-21 considered combining the excavation of open space to the northeast of the Techny 32B inline reservoir (WF-07) with excavation of the three existing wetland pods within the reservoir. The alterative involves excavation of approximately 425 total acre-ft. The additional storage yields a range of WSEL reductions with a maximum reduction of just over 0.6 feet. The WSEL reductions address modeled problem areas MPWF3 through MPWF5; while this alternative does not completely resolve flooding issues at these problem areas, it does have a significant positive impact. However, after DWP cost analysis and generation of B/C ratios, this alternative is not recommended as the most cost effective solution to overbank flooding of the West Fork.

Recommended alternatives result in reduced stage and/or flow along the modeled waterway. Table 3.1.9.A provides a comparison of the modeled maximum WSEL and modeled flow at the time of peak at representative locations along the waterway for the recommended alternative WF-06. Tables 3.1.9.B through 3.1.9.D provide a comparison of the modeled maximum WSEL and modeled flow at the time of peak at representative locations along the waterway for the alternatives that are not recommended and are provided for informational purposes only.

A number of properties are at risk of shallow flooding during the 100-year flood event under existing conditions or recommended alternative conditions. In addition, due to their locations, other properties' risk of flooding cannot be feasibly mitigated by structural measures. Such properties are candidates for protection using nonstructural flood control measures, such as flood-proofing or acquisition. These measures may be considered to address damages that are not fully addressed by capital projects recommended in the North Branch of the Chicago River DWP.

Table 3.1.9A provides a comparison of peak flow and stage for existing and proposed conditions for the WF-06 alternative, 32A Reservoir expansion into the Anetsberger Golf Course.

TABLE 3.1.9.A
Recommended Alternative WF-06 Existing and Alternative Condition Flow and WSEL Comparison

		Existing Conditions		WF-06	
Location	**Station**	**Max WSEL (ft)**	**Max Flow (cfs)**	**Max WSEL (ft)**	**Max Flow (cfs)**
West Fork crossing at Techny Road	31035	636.05	1322	634.51	257
West Fork crossing at Willow Road	26572	630.97	1782	629.56	862
West Fork crossing at Chestnut Avenue	18626	628.77	1382	627.05	782
West Fork crossing at East Lake Avenue	15392	627.56	1461	626.22	1002
West Fork crossing at Glenview Road	11870	626.06	1466	624.99	1085
West Fork crossing at Long Valley Road	6664	623.06	1588	622.56	1383
West Fork crossing at Golf Road	1976	622.23	1587	621.74	1329

Table 3.1.9.B provides a comparison of peak flow and stage for existing and proposed conditions for the WF-19 alternative, 32C Reservoir expansion into “Lot 16” parcel and the Sunset Village mobile home park.

TABLE 3.1.9.B
Non-Recommended Alternative WF-19 Existing and Alternative Condition Flow and WSEL Comparison

		Existing Conditions		WF-19	
Location	**Station**	**Max WSEL (ft)**	**Max Flow (cfs)**	**Max WSEL (ft)**	**Max Flow (cfs)**
West Fork crossing at Chestnut Avenue	18626	628.77	1382	627.03	778
West Fork crossing at East Lake Avenue	15392	627.56	1461	626.20	997
West Fork crossing at Glenview Road	11870	626.06	1466	624.98	1080
West Fork crossing at Long Valley Road	6664	623.06	1588	622.55	1377
West Fork crossing at Golf Road	1976	622.23	1587	621.72	1324

Table 3.1.9.C provides a comparison of peak flow and stage for existing and proposed conditions for the WF-20 alternative (WF-06 + WF-19 combined, including reservoir expansions at both Techny 32A + Techny 32C).

TABLE 3.1.9.C
Non-Recommended Alternative WF-20 Existing and Alternative Condition Flow and WSEL Comparison

		Existing Conditions		WF-20	
Location	Station	Max WSEL (ft)	Max Flow (cfs)	Max WSEL (ft)	Max Flow (cfs)
West Fork crossing at Chestnut Avenue	18626	628.77	1382	627.03	778
West Fork crossing at East Lake Avenue	15392	627.56	1461	626.20	997
West Fork crossing at Glenview Road	11870	626.06	1466	624.98	1080
West Fork crossing at Long Valley Road	6664	623.06	1588	622.55	1377
West Fork crossing at Golf Road	1976	622.23	1587	621.72	1324

Table 3.1.9.D provides a comparison of peak flow and stage for existing and proposed conditions for the WF-21 alternative (32B Reservoir expansion into open space and the current wetland pod areas).

TABLE 3.1.9.D
Non-Recommended Alternative WF-21 Existing and Alternative Condition Flow and WSEL Comparison

		Existing Conditions		WF-21	
Location	Station	Max WSEL (ft)	Max Flow (cfs)	Max WSEL (ft)	Max Flow (cfs)
West Fork crossing at Willow Road	26572	630.97	1782	630.80	1613
West Fork crossing at Chestnut Avenue	18626	628.77	1382	628.12	1202
West Fork crossing at East Lake Avenue	15392	627.56	1461	626.83	1272
West Fork crossing at Glenview Road	11870	626.06	1466	625.33	1273
West Fork crossing at Long Valley Road	6664	623.06	1588	622.73	1433
West Fork crossing at Golf Road	1976	622.23	1587	621.93	1411

3.1.3.5 Data Required for Countywide Prioritization of Watershed Projects

Appendix I presents conceptual level cost estimates for the alternatives studied in detail. Table 3.1.10 lists the alternatives analyzed in detail; however, only alternatives WF-03 and WF-06 are recommended and the other alternatives are provided for informational purposes only. Figures 3.1.3a, 3.1.3b, 3.1.3c and 3.1.3d show a comparison of existing conditions to alternative conditions 100 year inundation mapping with the implementation of alternatives WF-06, WF-19, WF-20, and WF-21, respectively. Figure 3.1.2 displays the location and approximate extents of the WF-03 erosion control alternative.

TABLE 3.1.10
West Fork Project Alternative Matrix to Support District CIP Prioritization

Project	Description	B/C Ratio	Net Benefits ($)	Total Project Cost ($)	Cumulative Structures Protected	Water Quality Benefit	Recommended	Communities Involved
WF-03	Hard armoring of east bank along Metra Milwaukee North District RR & Fair Lane between Dundee Road and Cherry Lane	0.77	1,550,000	2,022,000	3	Slightly Positive	Yes	Northbrook
WF-06	Expand Techny 32A reservoir into Anetsberger Golf Course and steepen existing reservoir side slopes to 3H:1V	1.26	146,484,000	116,088,000	216	Slightly Positive	Yes	Northbrook, Glenview, Golf, Unincorporated Cook County
WF-19	Expand Techny 32C into Sunset Village Mobile Home Park and Lot 16	0.32	29,692,000	94,210,000	48	Slightly Positive	No	Glenview, Unincorporated Cook County
WF-20	Combine Techny 32A and 32C reservoir expansions into one project	0.70	146,484,000	210,297,000	216	Slightly Positive	No	Northbrook, Glenview, Golf, Unincorporated Cook County
WF-21	Techny 32B expansion of in-line storage	0.60	30,235,000	50,416,000	101	No Impact	No	Northbrook, Glenview

3.2 Middle Fork of the NBCR

The Middle Fork, the second tributary (from west to east) in the NBCR watershed, has a total stream length of 20.9 miles and a total drainage area of 24.6 square miles. Table 3.2.1 summarizes the land area of communities within the Middle Fork subwatershed. The Middle Fork subwatershed consists primarily of residential areas and includes two large portions of forest preserve area in Cook County. The forest preserve areas in Cook County occur from the I-94 crossing to the Sunset Ridge Road crossing and from Winnetka Road to the confluence with the Skokie River. Table 3.2.2 summarizes the land use distribution within the Middle Fork.

TABLE 3.2.1
Communities Draining to the Middle Fork[1]

Community/Tributary	Tributary Area (mi^2)
Lake Forest	6.60
Unincorporated	4.54
Green Oaks	2.62
Northbrook	2.16
Deerfield	2.09
Northfield	1.95
Waukegan	1.39
Bannockburn	1.23
Highland Park	0.81
Mettawa	0.79
Glenview	0.34
North Chicago	Less than 0.1

[1] Includes communities/area in Lake County

TABLE 3.2.2
Land Use Distribution for the Middle Fork[1]

Land Use Category	Area (acres)	%
Residential	7,422	47.2
Forest/Open Land	4,631	29.4
Commercial/Industrial	1,673	10.6
Institutional	573	3.6
Agricultural	561	3.6
Water/Wetland	526	3.3
Transportation/Utility	341	2.2

[1] Includes land use areas in Lake County

Figure 3.2.1 is an overview of the tributary area of the Middle Fork subwatershed. Reported stormwater problem areas, flood inundation areas, and proposed alternative projects are also shown and discussed in the following subsections.

3.2.1 Sources of Data

3.2.1.1 Previous Studies

Data from the 1998 and 2000 FIS regulatory models (HEC-2) were utilized for supplementing the newly developed DWP HEC-RAS model for the Middle Fork.

3.2.1.2 Water Quality Data

The IEPA has two Ambient Water Quality Monitoring Network sites on the Middle Fork. Two reaches of the Middle Fork are identified as impaired in the IEPA's 2008 Integrated Water Quality Report, which includes the CWA 303(d) and 305(b) lists. No TMDLs have been established for the Middle Fork. TMDLs are currently being developed for dissolved oxygen, chloride, and fecal coliform. According to a water permit discharge query from the USEPA, there are no NPDES permits issued by IEPA for discharges to the Middle Fork. Municipalities discharging to the Middle Fork are regulated by IEPA's NPDES Phase II Stormwater Permit Program, which was instituted to improve water quality by requiring that municipalities develop six minimum control measures for limiting runoff pollution to receiving systems.

3.2.1.3 Wetland and Riparian Areas

Figures 2.3.6 and 2.3.7 contain mapping of wetland and riparian areas in the NBCR watershed. Wetland areas were identified using NWI mapping. NWI data includes 120 acres of wetland areas in the Middle Fork tributary area. Riparian areas are defined as vegetated areas between aquatic and upland ecosystems adjacent to a waterway or body of water that provides flood management, habitat, and water quality enhancement. Identified riparian environments offer potential opportunities for restoration.

3.2.1.4 Floodplain Mapping

Flood inundation areas supporting the NFIP were revised in 2008 as a part of FEMA's Map Modernization Program. Floodplain boundaries were revised based upon updated Cook County topographic information, but the effective models used to estimate flood levels generally were not updated. LOMRs were incorporated in the revised floodplains. The effective FIS H&H analysis was performed in 1994. The hydrologic modeling was performed by using HEC-1 and Regression Equation 79; Hydraulic routing was performed using HEC-2.

Appendix A includes a comparison of FEMA's effective floodplain mapping from updated DFIRM panels with inundation areas developed for the DWP.

3.2.1.5 Stormwater Problem Data

Table 3.2.3 summarizes reported problem areas reviewed as a part of the DWP development. The problem area data was obtained primarily from Form B questionnaire response data provided by watershed communities, agencies, and stakeholders to the District. Problems are classified in Table 3.2.3 as regional or local. This classification is based on a process described in Section 1 of this report.

3.2.1.6 Near-Term Planned Projects

Watershed communities, agencies, and stakeholders were asked about near-term planned projects so that the implementation of near-term flood control projects by others is considered in development of the DWP. No near-term planned flood control projects by others have been identified in the Middle Fork Subwatershed.

TABLE 3.2.3
Community Response Data for the Middle Fork

Problem ID[2]	Municipality	Problems as Reported by Local Agency	Location	Problem Description	Local/ Regional	Resolution in DWP
NF-FL-14	Village of Northbrook, Village of Northfield, Village of Glenview, Unincorp Cook County	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Sunset Ridge Road - East Lake Ave to Skokie Road	36" corrugated metal pipe West Side, 36" C.P. East Side, 1/4 mile North of Rolling Ridge Rd - some debris accumulation at the East end.	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
NB-FR-11	Village of Highland Park, Village of Northbrook, Village of Deerfield	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Northbrook Court, Deerfield, Highland Park	Overbank flooding, storm sewer flow restriction, insufficient river capacity. Regional detention at Northbrook Court fills/backs up river to overflowing. Stream rises into street inlets, street floods	Regional	Regional stormwater solution MF- 03 was investigated but deemed infeasible. Impacted structures would require flood proofing and/or acquisition
NF-FR-15	Village of Northfield, Unincorp Cook County	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Winnetka Road - Wagner Road to Happ Road	CCHD reported that the creek floods the surrounding property in this area.	Regional	Regional stormwater solution MS-14 addresses overbank flooding of the Middle Fork along Winnetka Road.
NB-ER-01	Village of Northbrook	Streambank erosion on intercommunity waterways	Middle Fork adjacent to properties on Red Coach Lane	Red Coach Lane - Bank erosion and sedimentation. There is severe erosion along the east bank of the Middle Fork NBCR adjacent to the properties on Red Coach Lane.	Regional	The recommended alternative for this problem is MF-06.

TABLE 3.2.3
Community Response Data for the Middle Fork

Problem ID[2]	Municipality	Problems as Reported by Local Agency	Location	Problem Description	Local/ Regional	Resolution in DWP
NB-FR-02	Village of Northbrook	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Illinois Route 68 at Waukegan Road to Lee Street / Shermer Road	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Regional	IL Route 68 pavement flooding depth due to overbank flooding is less than 0.5 ft. Based on DWP criteria, no alternative recommended for minor roadway flooding.
NB-FR-03	Village of Northbrook	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Dundee at Timber Lane	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Regional	Modeled and DFIRM inundation areas do not impact this reported location. Problem appears to be a local storm sewer problem.
NB-ER-21	Village of Northbrook	Streambank erosion on intercommunity waterways	Pebblebrook Rd	Regional erosion occurring greater than 30 ft from residences on west and east streambanks	Regional	Erosion problem not immediately threatening structure. Not addressed by DWP
NF-FR-01	Village of Northfield	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	N Bristol & Robin Hood Lane	Willow Hill Condos - Basement and local road flooding due to overbank flooding	Regional	Regional stormwater solution MF-05 was investigated but deemed infeasible due to minimal impact on flooding. Recommend floodproofing and/or acquisition

TABLE 3.2.3
Community Response Data for the Middle Fork

Problem ID[2]	Municipality	Problems as Reported by Local Agency	Location	Problem Description	Local/ Regional	Resolution in DWP
NF-ER-02	Village of Northfield	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Robin Hood Lane	Complaints about bank erosion/scouring along the North Branch of the Chicago River along Robin Hood Land.	Regional	The recommend alternative for this problem is MF-06.
NF-ER-03	Village of Northfield	Streambank erosion on intercommunity waterways	Meadowbrook Drive to Sunset Lane	Regional erosion occurring within 30 ft of residences and utility poles on west and east streambanks.	Regional	The recommended alternative for this problem is MF-07.
NF-ER-04	Village of Northfield	Streambank erosion on intercommunity waterways	2094 Middle Fork Road	Regional erosion occurring within 30 ft of residence on the west stream bank.	Regional	Erosion problem not immediately threatening structure. Not addressed by DWP
NF-ER-05	Village of Northfield	Streambank erosion on intercommunity waterways	Willow Road to Abbot Court	Regional erosion occurring within 30 ft of residences on the west and east streambanks immediately south of Willow Road.	Regional	The recommended alternative for this problem is MF-07.
NF-ER-17	Village of Northfield	Streambank erosion on intercommunity waterways	North of Winnetka Road along West side of Northfield Road	Streambank Erosion within 30ft of Northfield Road	Regional	The recommended alternative for this problem is MF-07.
NF-FL-18	Village of Northfield	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Illinois Route 43 at Willow Road to Winnetka Road	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
NF-FR-07	Village of Northfield	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Interstate Rt 94 at Winnetka Ave to Skokie Road	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Regional	The recommended alternative for this problem is SR-08.

TABLE 3.2.3
Community Response Data for the Middle Fork

Problem ID[2]	Municipality	Problems as Reported by Local Agency	Location	Problem Description	Local/ Regional	Resolution in DWP
NF-FL-06	Village of Northfield	Intracommunity (local) flooding	East Wagner Road, South of Willow	Pavement flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
NF-FR-08	Village of Northfield	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	South side of Willow Road over Middle Fork	Basement and local flooding due to Overbank flooding	Regional	Regional stormwater solution MF-05 was investigated but deemed infeasible due to minimal impact on flooding. Recommend floodproofing and/or acquisition
NF-FR-09	Village of Northfield	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	North side of Willow Road over Middle Fork	Basement and local flooding due to Overbank flooding	Regional	Regional stormwater solution MF-05 was investigated but deemed infeasible due to minimal impact on flooding. Recommend floodproofing and/or acquisition

[1] All Problem IDs begin with NB-MFNB- as all problems are within the North Branch – Middle Fork subwatershed.

3.2.2 Watershed Analysis

3.2.2.1 Hydrologic Model Development

Subbasin Delineation. The Middle Fork tributary area was delineated based primarily upon LiDAR topographic data developed by Cook County in 2003. The watershed boundaries of the West Fork (western edge) and Skokie River (eastern edge) were compared, and discrepancies were identified. Discrepancies generally were minor and resolved by manual review of topographic data.

Hydrologic Parameter Calculations. Curve Numbers (CNs) were estimated for each subbasin based upon NRCS soil data and 2001 CMAP land use data. This method is further described in Section 1.3.2, with lookup values for specific combinations of land use and soil data presented in Appendix C. An area-weighted average of the CN was generated for each subbasin. The Clark unit hydrograph method was used to convert SCS CN runoff volumes into subbasin-specific hydrographs. Time of concentration (Tc) and storage coefficient (R) parameters for the Clark unit hydrograph method were estimated as described in Section 1.3.2. Appendix G provides a summary of the hydrologic parameters used for subbasins in each subwatershed.

3.2.2.2 Hydraulic Model Development

Field Data, Investigation, and Existing Model Data. No hydraulic models that met the District criteria for use in the DWP, as identified in Section 6.3.3.2 of the CCSMP, were available for DWP development. Field surveys of the Middle Fork and bridge crossings were performed to characterize the channel and near overbank geometry. Cross-sectional geometry in the non-surveyed overbank area was obtained from Cook County topographic data and combined with the field surveyed channel cross sections. Field visits were performed to assess channel and overbank roughness characteristics, which were combined with information from photographs and aerial photography to assign modeled Manning's *n* roughness coefficients along the modeled stream length.

Boundary Conditions. The downstream boundary condition for the Middle Fork is its confluence with the Skokie River as the two reaches form the Mainstem of the NBCR. The unsteady model produces water surface elevations at each time step, therefore providing a downstream boundary condition at each time step of the simulation. The maximum existing conditions 100 year WSEL at this junction is 624.18 feet in vertical elevation datum NAVD 88.

Subbasin Delineation. The Middle Fork tributary area was delineated based primarily upon LiDAR topographic data developed by Cook County in 2003. The watershed boundaries of the West Fork (western edge) and Skokie River (eastern edge) were compared, and discrepancies were identified. Discrepancies generally were minor and resolved by manual review of topographic data.

3.2.2.3 Calibration and Verification

Observed Data. As in shown in Figure 2.3.1, three thiessen polygons, based on three different precipitation gages, allow for complete coverage of the Middle Fork subwatershed. The northernmost thiessen polygon is based on the LCSMC "Riverwoods" gage; the middle and lower portions of the Middle Fork are covered by CCPN gages 1 and 2, respectively. Data for the September 2008 and October 2001 storms were referenced for calibration and verification of the hydrologic and hydraulic models.

The only USGS stream gage on the Middle Fork, gage number 05534500, is located at the county line on the Lake-Cook Road Bridge. Supplemental information on this stream gage can be found in Table 2.3.1. Peak flow information for the calibration and verification events can be found in Table 3.2.4. Because the USGS gage is outside of the limits of the hydraulic study area, HEC-HMS hydrographs were used for comparison to the gage hydrographs.

TABLE 3.2.4
Flow Events at USGS gage 05534500

Date	Peak Monitored Flow (cfs)
9/13/2008	727
10/13/2001	787

Figure 3.2A shows superimposed comparisons of the HEC-HMS and USGS gage hydrographs (river gage 05534500) at the gage location for the 2008 event. Figure 3.2B shows these same hydrographs for the 2001 event.

FIGURE 3.2A
Middle Fork flow comparison for September 13, 2008 storm

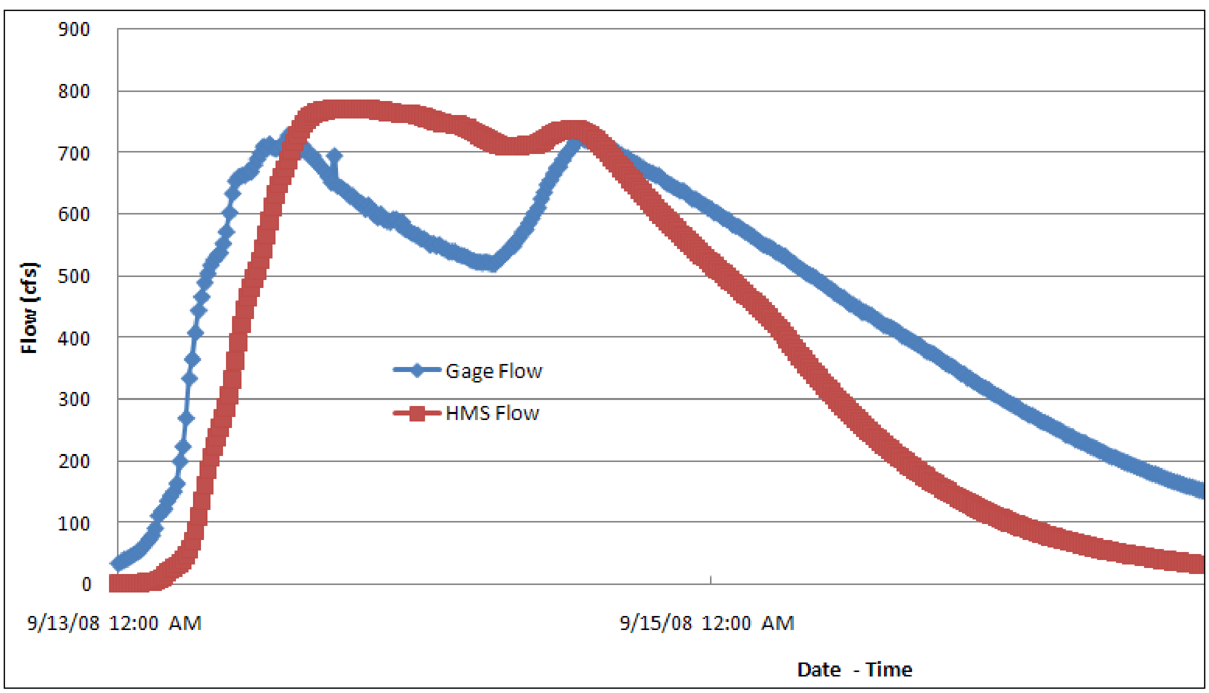
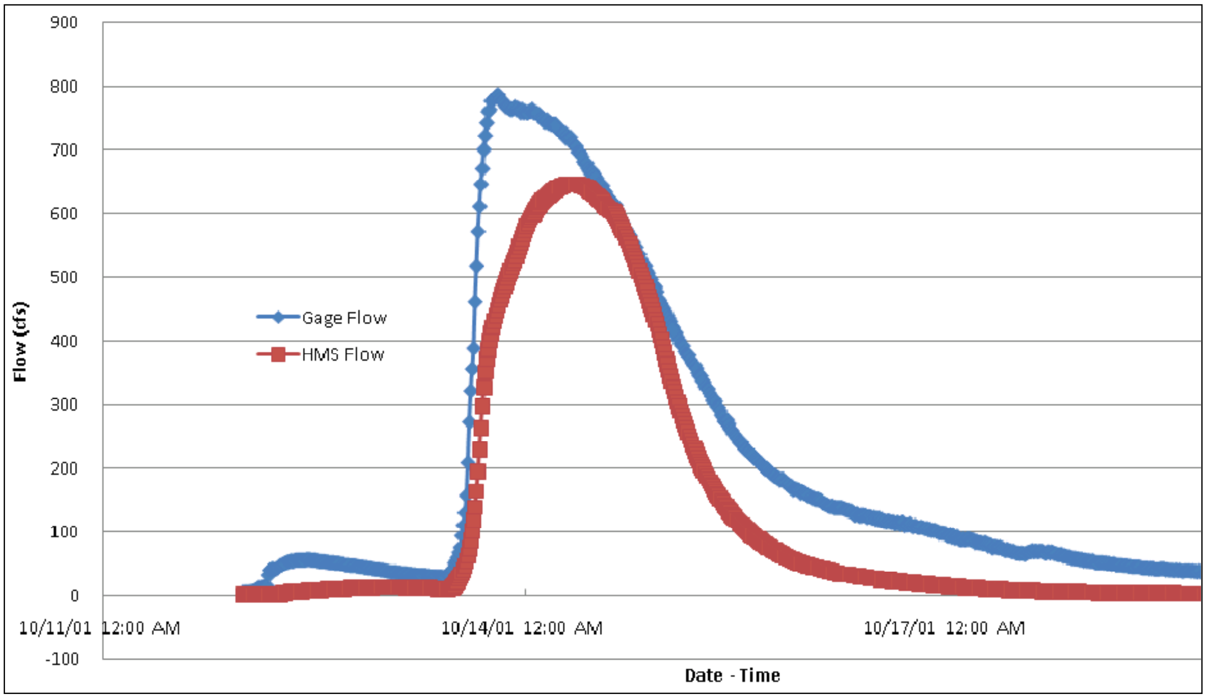


FIGURE 3.2B
Middle Fork flow comparison for October 13, 2001 storm



Calibration Results. With the results of the HEC-HMS and gage hydrograph comparisons being similar with regard to flow, volume, and hydrograph shape, no modifications were made to the upstream hydrology; the difference between the observed and calibrated model flows and water surface elevations were generally considered to be within an acceptable margin of error. Flow, volume, and stage were checked at the Mainstem gages at Touhy Avenue and Albany Avenue, in order to verify the model met CCSMP criteria. The Mainstem gage comparisons can be found in section 3.4.2.5.

3.2.2.4 Existing Conditions Evaluation

Flood Inundation Areas. Figure 3.2.1 shows inundation areas produced by the hydraulic model for the 100-year, 24-hour duration design storm.

Hydraulic Profiles. Appendix H contains hydraulic profiles of existing conditions in the West Fork reach. Profiles are shown for the 2-, 5-, 10-, 25-, 50-, 100-, and 500-year recurrence interval design storms.

3.2.3 Development and Evaluation of Alternatives

3.2.3.1 Modeled Problem Definition

Hydraulic model results were reviewed with inundation mapping to identify locations where property damage due to flooding is predicted. Table 3.2.5 summarizes major problem areas identified through hydraulic modeling of the Middle Fork.

TABLE 3.2.5
Modeled Problem Definition for the Middle Fork

Problem ID	Location	Recurrence Interval of Flooding (yr)	Associated Problem from Table 3.2.3
MPMF1	Northbrook Court Mall parking lot just south of Lake-Cook Road	100	
MPMF2	The Fairview Acres subdivision just southeast of I-94	50, 100	
MPMF3	Roadway inundation at the Dundee Road and Lee Road intersection due to overbank flooding	50, 100	NB-FR-02
MPMF4	Just upstream of the Sunset Ridge Road crossing	50, 100	
MPMF5	Meadowbrook Drive to Old Willow Road	25, 50, 100	
MPMF6	New Willow Road to Winnetka Road	100	

3.2.3.2 Damage Assessment

TABLE 3.2.6
Estimated Damages for the Middle Fork

Damage Category	Estimated Damage ($)	Note
Property	10,805,000	Structures at risk of flooding
Erosion - structures	8,876,000	Structures at risk due to erosion
Transportation	1,736,000	Assumed as 15% of property damage due to flooding plus Northfield Road damage

Damages were defined following the protocol defined in Chapter 6.6 of the CCSMP. No recreation damages due to flooding were identified for the Middle Fork. Transportation damages were estimated as 15 percent of property damages plus $115,000 of Northfield Road damages due to erosion. Erosion damages were determined for active erosion problems that threaten structures along the banks of the Middle Fork. For streambank erosion to qualify as threatening, the erosion must occur within 30 feet of a structure.

3.2.3.3 Technology Screening

Flood control technologies were screened to identify those most appropriate to address the flooding problems in the Middle Fork subwatershed. Increased regional storage was identified as the principal solution for addressing stormwater problems in the Middle Fork.

3.2.3.4 Alternative Development

Stormwater improvement alternatives were developed to address regional stormwater problems identified in Table 3.2.3, with the aim of reducing damages due to stormwater.

Flood Control Alternatives. Alternative solutions to regional flooding and streambank erosion problems were developed and evaluated consistent with the methodology described in Section 1.4 of this report. Table 3.2.7 summarizes flood and erosion control alternatives developed for the Middle Fork.

TABLE 3.2.7
Flood Control and Erosion Control Alternatives for the Middle Fork

Alternative	Location	Description
MF-01	200-400 Red Coach Lane	Erosion Stabilization on the east bank of the Middle Fork, along Red Coach Lane
MF-02	The Middle Fork Reservoir , located between the Northbrook Court Mall and I-94	Raise the reservoir overflow weir
MF-03	The Middle Fork Reservoir , located between the Northbrook Court Mall and I-94	Expand the NB Court Reservoir into southern portion of the NB Court mall parking lot; adds approximately 200 acre-ft of storage
MF-04	Rosemary Lane and Waters Edge Lane, just southeast of I-94	Construct a short levee along the east bank of the Middle Fork to prevent overbank flooding into the Fair Acres/Waters Edge subdivision
MF-05	Forest Preserve just upstream of the Dundee Road crossing	Add a new regional flood control reservoir at this location; approximately 600 acre-ft of new storage
MF-06	Robin Hood Lane, just upstream of the New Willow Road crossing	Erosion stabilization along both banks upstream and downstream of New Willow Road
MF-07	Meadowbrook Drive crossing	Erosion stabilization along both banks from upstream of Meadowbrook Drive to Sunset Drive
MF-08	Middlefork Road crossing	Erosion stabilization along the west bank, south of Middlefork Road

Erosion Control Alternatives. Four erosion control alternatives, MF-01, -06, -07, and -08 were investigated for the Middle Fork in order to address the erosion problems that were reported. Alternatives MF-06 and MF-07 are recommended based on infrastructure at imminent risk of erosion damage due to structure being within 30 feet of active streambank erosion. Alternative MF-06 will provide hard armoring of the southern streambank where erosion is occurring. Alternative MF-07 will provide hard armoring of both streambanks where erosion is occurring. The armoring is conceptually developed to include costs consistent with traditional approaches to armoring, such as concrete walls. As an alternative to using concrete, there are other hard-armoring erosion protection techniques available to stabilize the Middle Fork that will give a more natural appearance than concrete. For example, the use of riprap in conjunction with geotextile fabric is a hard-armoring protection alternative that can be designed to provide protection to the streambank while providing a more aesthetically pleasing improvement. The protection treatment will be provided along the existing Middle Fork alignment along the existing east bank slopes and keyed-in in at toe of bank slope.

3.2.3.5 Alternative Evaluation and Selection

MF-01 considered hard armoring the east bank of the Middle Fork along the length of Red Coach Lane. A field review determined that there are no structures within 30 feet of this stream bank erosion, and therefore, this alternative is not recommended.

MF-02 considered raising the elevation of the overflow spillway on the Northbrook Court (Middle Fork) Reservoir. The elevation was raised from 649.3 to 651.5 in order to fully utilize existing storage within the basin. While this alternative did reduce WSELs by 0.18 feet over a few hundred feet of stream length, the amount of storage gained was not significant enough to make an impact on any of the regional flooding problems. This alternative is not recommended.

MF-03 considered expanding the Northbrook Court Reservoir to the north past Northbrook Court Drive and into a portion of the south parking lot. This alternative added 200 acre-ft of additional storage to the reservoir, and reduced WSELs by 0.42 feet, but the reductions spanned very few cross sections downstream and were negligible downstream of the I-94 crossing. This alternative is not recommended.

MF-04 considered constructing a levee on the east bank of the Middle Fork downstream of I-94, just west of Rosemary Lane and Waters Edge Lane. The levee has a maximum height of 2.5 ft. and it protects the Fair Acres/Waters Edge subdivision from overbank flooding during a 100 year design event. See Figure 3.2.2 for a conceptual plan of this project. This alternative is a feasible solution to modeled problem MPMF2, and is recommended.

Because other evaluated alternatives were unable to resolve model problems MPMF3 through MPMF6, alternative MF-05 considered constructing a new regional flood control reservoir on Cook County Forest Preserve. The proposed 600 acre-ft reservoir would be located just northwest of the intersection of Lee Road and Dundee Road, on the west side of the Middle Fork. The reservoir decreases WSELs by 0.27 feet over a short length of stream reach; this decrease does not have much positive impact on the modeled problem areas. This alternative is not recommended. Furthermore, levee projects in these modeled problem areas are not feasible due to the dense development that makes compensatory storage impractical. As such, roadways affected by Middle Fork overbank flooding would need to be raised to eliminate flooding from the Middle Fork and infrastructure affected by Middle Fork overbank flooding would require flood proofing and/or acquisition.

MF-06 considered erosion stabilization on the west bank of the Middle Fork, along Robin Hood Lane, from Bristol Avenue to Abbott Court, and on the east bank from 200 feet upstream of New Willow Road down to Abbott Court. Additionally, this alternative considered erosion stabilization repair along the east bank of the Middle Fork along Northfield Road immediately north of Winnetka Road. This alternative protects structures along each bank that are within 30 feet of the active streambank erosion. See Figure 3.2.3 for a conceptual plan of this project. This alternative is recommended.

MF-07 considered erosion stabilization on the west bank of the Middle Fork from 300 feet upstream of Meadowbrook Drive to approximately 400 feet downstream of Meadowbrook Drive and on the east bank from 200 feet upstream of Meadowbrook Drive downstream to Sunset Drive. This alternative protects structures along each bank that are within 30 feet of active streambank erosion. See Figure 3.2.4 for a conceptual plan of this project. This alternative is recommended.

MF-08 considered 340 feet of erosion stabilization on the west bank of the Middle Fork starting just downstream of Middlefork Road and running along the 2094 Middle Fork Road property. A field review of the reported erosion problem area found one residential structure within 30 feet of bank erosion, but was not at imminent risk of erosion damage. This erosion problem should continue to be monitored for imminent risk to the residential structure at 2094 Middle Fork Road. Due to lack of imminent risk of erosion damage, this alternative is not recommended at this time.

A number of properties are at risk of shallow flooding during the 100-year flood event under existing conditions or recommended alternative conditions. In addition, due to their locations, other properties' risk of flooding cannot be feasibly mitigated by structural measures. Such properties are candidates for protection using nonstructural flood control measures, such as flood-proofing or acquisition. These measures may be considered to address damages that are not fully addressed by capital projects recommended in the NBCR River DWP.

3.2.3.6 Data Required for Countywide Prioritization of Watershed Projects

Appendix I presents conceptual level cost estimates for the alternatives studied in detail. Table 3.2.8 lists the alternatives analyzed in detail. Figure 3.2.2 shows a comparison of existing conditions to alternative conditions 100 year inundation mapping with the implementation of alternative MF-04. Figures 3.2.3 and 3.2.4 display the locations and approximate extents of the MF-06 and MF-07 alternatives, respectively.

TABLE 3.2.8
Middle Fork Project Alternative Matrix to Support District CIP Prioritization

Project	Description	B/C Ratio	Net Benefits ($)	Total Project Cost ($)	Cumulative Structures Protected	Water Quality Benefit	Recommended	Communities Involved
MF-04	Construct flood wall and compensatory storage to eliminate overbank flooding in this area	0.12	178,000	1,495,000	4	None	Yes	Northbrook, Unincorporated Cook County
MF-06	Hard armor both stream banks at Willow Road, along Robin Hood Lane, and east bank along Northfield Road	4.59	7,391,000	1,610,000	7	Slightly Positive	Yes	Northfield
MF-07	Hard armor both stream banks at Meadowbrook Drive	1.65	1,600,000	971,000	3	Slightly Positive	Yes	Northfield

3.3 Skokie River

The Skokie River, the eastern most tributary in the NBCR watershed, has a total stream length of 36.8 miles and a total drainage area of 35.3 square miles. Table 3.3.1 summarizes the land area of communities within the Skokie River subwatershed. The Skokie River subwatershed consists primarily of residential areas and includes a large portion of forest preserve area located in the central portion of the subwatershed. Table 3.3.2 summarizes the land use distribution within the Skokie River.

Figure 3.3.1 shows an overview of the tributary area of the Skokie River subwatershed. Reported stormwater problem areas, flood inundation areas, and proposed alternative projects are also shown and discussed in the following subsections.

3.3.1 Sources of Data

3.3.1.1 Previous Studies

Data from the 1998 and 2000 FIS regulatory models (HEC-2) were utilized for supplementing the newly developed DWP HEC-RAS model for the Skokie River.

3.3.1.2 Water Quality Data

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) has two Ambient Water Quality Monitoring Network sites on the Skokie River. Two reaches of the Skokie River are identified as impaired in the IEPA's 2008 Integrated Water Quality Report, which includes the CWA 303(d) and 305(b) lists. No TMDLs have been established for the Skokie River. TMDLs are currently being developed for dissolved oxygen and fecal coliform. According to a water permit discharge query from the USEPA, there are no NPDES permits issued by IEPA for discharges to the Skokie River. Municipalities discharging to the Skokie River are regulated by IEPA's NPDES Phase II Stormwater Permit Program, which was instituted to improve water quality by requiring that municipalities develop six minimum control measures for limiting runoff pollution to receiving systems.

TABLE 3.3.1
Communities Draining to the Skokie River[1]

Community/Tributary	Tributary Area (mi^2)
Highland Park	7.59
Lake Forest	5.17
North Chicago	3.12
Wilmette	3.03
Winnetka	2.49
Unincorporated	3.50
Glencoe	1.91
Waukegan	1.79
Lake Bluff	1.55
Northbrook	1.38
Skokie	1.34
Northfield	1.08
Park City	0.76
Highwood	0.26
Gurnee	0.17
Evanston	0.13
Glenview	Less than 0.1
Kenilworth	Less than 0.1

[1] Includes communities/area in Lake County

TABLE 3.3.2
Land Use Distribution for the Skokie River[1]

Land Use Category	Area (acres)	%
Residential	9,949	44.0
Forest/Open Land	6,588	29.1
Commercial/Industrial	2,879	12.7
Transportation/Utility	1,205	5.3
Institutional	1,116	4.9
Water/Wetland	659	2.9
Agricultural	216	1.0

[1] Includes land uses in Lake County

3.3.1.3 Wetland and Riparian Areas

Figures 2.3.6 and 2.3.7 contain mapping of wetland and riparian areas in the NBCR Watershed. Wetland areas were identified using NWI mapping. NWI data includes approximately 747 acres of wetland areas in the Skokie River tributary area. Riparian areas are defined as vegetated areas between aquatic and upland ecosystems adjacent to a waterway or body of water that provides flood management, habitat, and water quality enhancement. Identified riparian environments offer potential opportunities for restoration.

3.3.1.4 Floodplain Mapping

Flood inundation areas supporting the NFIP were revised in 2008 as a part of FEMA's Map Modernization Program. Floodplain boundaries were revised based upon updated Cook County topographic information, but the effective models used to estimate flood levels generally were not updated. LOMRs were incorporated in the revised floodplains. The effective FIS H&H analysis was performed in 1980. The hydrologic modeling was performed by using HEC-1 and hydraulic modeling was performed using both HEC-2 and FEQ.

Appendix A includes a comparison of FEMA's effective floodplain mapping from updated DFIRM panels with inundation areas developed for the DWP.

3.3.1.5 Stormwater Problem Data

Table 3.3.3 summarizes reported problem areas reviewed as a part of the DWP development. The problem area data was obtained primarily from Form B questionnaire response data provided by watershed communities, agencies, and stakeholders to the District. Problems are classified in Table 3.3.3 as regional or local. This classification is based on a process described in Section 1 of this report.

3.3.1.6 Near-Term Planned Projects

Watershed communities, agencies, and stakeholders were asked about near-term planned projects so that the implementation of near-term flood control projects by others is considered in development of the DWP. Several studies are currently underway in the Skokie River Subwatershed; however, no near-term planned flood control projects by others have been identified in the Skokie River subwatershed.

TABLE 3.3.3
Community Response Data for the Skokie River

Problem ID[1]	Municipality	Problems as Reported by Local Agency	Location	Problem Description	Local/ Regional	Resolution in DWP
GC-FL-02	Village of Glencoe	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Dundee Road storm sewer (60" dia Sewer)	Dundee Road storm sewer. Most flooding localized to intersections and private properties	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
NF-FR-16	Unincorp Cook County, Village of Northfield	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Village of Northfield, Unincorporated Cook County	Unincorporated Cook County on Skokie River. Downstream overbank flooding due to inefficient use of storage.	Regional	The recommended alternative for this problem is MS-14.
NB-FL-18	Village of Northbrook	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Route 94 (Edens) at Lake Cook Road	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
NF-FR-10	Village of Northfield	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Interstate Route 94 (Edens) at Skokie River	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Regional	The recommended alternative for this problem is MS-14.
NF-FR-19	Village of Northfield	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	From Willow Road heading south to I-94	Overbank Flooding	Regional	The recommended alternative for this problem is MS-14.
WK-FL-02	Winnetka	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Skokie Ditch	Flooding due to poorly defined overflow routes and inadequate capacity of Skokie Ditch storm sewers.	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.

TABLE 3.3.3
Community Response Data for the Skokie River

Problem ID[1]	Municipality	Problems as Reported by Local Agency	Location	Problem Description	Local/ Regional	Resolution in DWP
NB-FL-04	Village of Northbrook	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Illinois Route 68 at Interstate Route 94 (E/O @ Skokie Boulevard)	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
NB-FL-05	Village of Northbrook	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Route 94 (Edens) at Il Route 68 (Dundee Road)	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	The recommended alternative for this problem is MS-14.
NF-FR-13	Village of Northfield	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Interstate Route 94 (Edens) at Willow Road (NB & SB)	Interstate Rt 94 (Edens) at Willow Rd (NB + SB) Pavement flooding	Regional	This DWP includes one recommended regional flood control alternative that addresses this problem: MS-14.
NF-FL-11	Village of Northfield	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Willow Road from Happ Road to Interstate Route 94	IDOT Pavement Flooding Willow Rd from Happ Rd to Interstate Rt 94 Pavement flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
NF-FL-12	Village of Northfield	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Willow Road at Central Ave Pavement flooding	IDOT Pavement Flooding Willow Rd at Central Ave Pavement flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.

[1] All Problem IDs begin with NB-SKRV-, NB-SKWD-, or NB-SKED- as all problems are within the North Branch – Skokie River (Skokie River, Skokie West Ditch, or Skokie East Ditch) subwatershed.

3.3.2 Watershed Analysis

3.3.2.1 Hydrologic Model Development

Subbasin Delineation. The Skokie River tributary area was delineated based primarily upon LiDAR topographic data developed by Cook County in 2003. The watershed boundaries of LM (eastern edge) and the Middle Fork (western edge) were compared, and any discrepancies were resolved.

Hydrologic Parameter Calculations. Table 3.3.4 summarizes the total drainage area, number of modeled subbasins, and average subbasin size for Skokie River and its major tributaries. CNs were estimated for each subbasin based upon NRCS soil data and 2001 CMAP land use data. This method is further described in Section 1.3.2, with lookup values for specific combinations of land use and soil data presented in Appendix C. An area-weighted average of the CN was generated for each subbasin. The Clark unit hydrograph method was used to convert SCS CN runoff volumes into subbasin-specific hydrographs. Time of concentration (Tc) and storage coefficient (R) parameters for the Clark unit hydrograph method were estimated as described in Section 1.3.2. Appendix G provides a summary of the hydrologic parameters used for subbasins in each subwatershed.

TABLE 3.3.4
Skokie River System Subbasin Summary

Subbasin	Drainage Area (mi^2)	Number of Modeled Subbasins	Average Modeled Subbasin Size (acres)
Skokie River	13.41	13	660
Major Tributaries to Skokie River			
East Ditch	2.82	2	904
West Ditch	2.22	3	474

3.3.2.2 Hydraulic Model Development

Field Data, Investigation, and Existing Model Data. No hydraulic models that met the District criteria for use in the DWP, as identified in Section 6.3.3.2 of the CCSMP, were available for DWP development. Field surveys of the Skokie River and bridge crossings were performed to characterize the channel and near overbank geometry. Cross-sectional geometry in the non-surveyed overbank area was obtained from Cook County topographic data and combined with the field surveyed channel cross sections. Field visits were performed to assess channel and overbank roughness characteristics, which were combined with information from photographs and aerial photography to assign modeled Manning's *n* roughness coefficients along the modeled stream length.

Boundary Conditions. The downstream boundary condition for the Skokie River is the stage of the confluence of Middle Fork and the Skokie River. The unsteady model produces water surface elevations at each time step, therefore providing a downstream boundary condition at each time step of the simulation. The maximum existing conditions 100 year WSEL at this junction is 624.18 feet in vertical elevation datum NAVD 88.

3.3.2.3 Calibration and Verification

Observed Data. As in shown in Figure 2.3.1, two thiessen polygons, based on two different precipitation gages, allow for complete coverage of the Skokie River subwatershed. The bulk of the watershed is covered by CCPN gage number 2, and a few subbasins in the southern portion of the watershed are covered by CCPN gage number 4. Data for the September 2008 and October 2001 storms were gathered for calibration and verification of the hydrologic and hydraulic models.

The only USGS stream gage on the Skokie River, gage number 05535070, is located approximately 2500 feet upstream of the Lake/Cook county line at the Clavey Road crossing. Supplemental information on this stream gage can be found in Table 2.3.1. Peak flow information for the calibration and verification events can be found in Table 3.3.5. Because the USGS gage is outside of the limits of the hydraulic study area, HEC-HMS hydrographs were used for comparison to the gage hydrographs.

TABLE 3.3.5
Flow Events at USGS gage 05535070

Date	Peak Monitored Flow (cfs)
9/13/2008	1150
10/14/2001	1230

Figure 3.3A shows superimposed comparisons of the HEC-HMS and USGS gage hydrographs (river gage 05535070) at the gage location for the 2008 event. Figure 3.3B shows these same hydrographs for the 2001 event.

FIGURE 3.3A
Skokie River flow comparison for September 13, 2008 storm

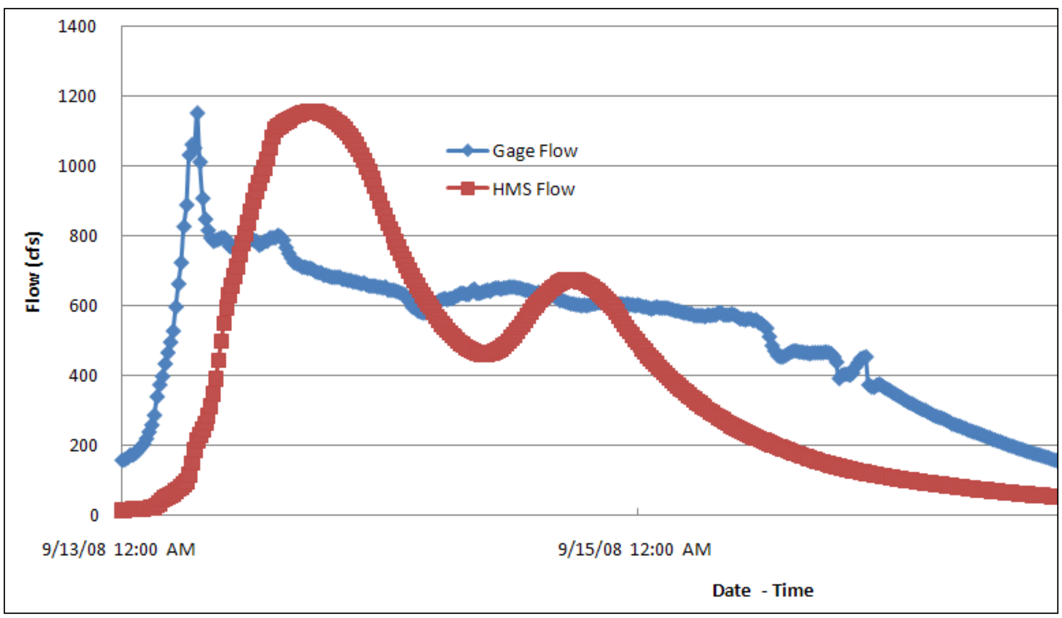
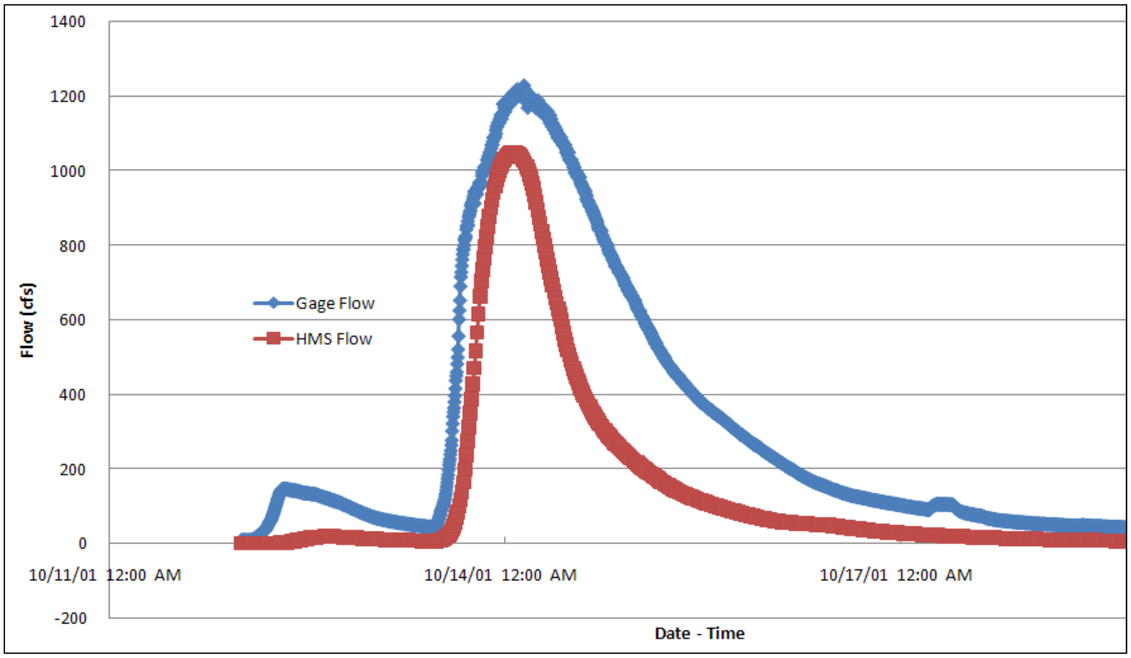


FIGURE 3.3B
Skokie River flow comparison for October 14, 2001 storm



Calibration Results. The September 2008 comparison shown in Figure 3.3A displays a difference in hydrograph shape. The irregular shape of the gage hydrograph is most likely due to either a blockage issue that is causing temporary storage and a reduced flow rate, or an issue with the gage recording itself. Although the September 2008 gage hydrograph could not be duplicated with traditional calibration techniques, the hydrographs compare well for flow and volume. With the results of the HEC-HMS and gage hydrograph comparisons for both events being similar with regard to flow and volume, no modifications were made to the upstream hydrology; the difference between the observed and calibrated model flows and water surface elevations were generally considered to be within an acceptable margin of error. Flow, volume, and stage were checked at the Mainstem gages at Touhy Avenue and Albany Avenue, in order to verify the model met CCSMP criteria. The Mainstem gage comparisons can be found in section 3.4.2.3.

3.3.2.4 Existing Conditions Evaluation

Flood Inundation Areas. Figure 3.3.1 shows inundation areas produced by the hydraulic model for the 100-year, 24-hour duration design storm.

Hydraulic Profiles. Appendix H contains hydraulic profiles of existing conditions in the Skokie River reach. Profiles are shown for the 2-, 5-, 10-, 25-, 50-, 100-, and 500-year recurrence interval design storms.

3.3.3 Development and Evaluation of Alternatives

3.3.3.1 Modeled Problem Definition

Hydraulic model results were reviewed with inundation mapping to identify locations where property damage due to flooding is predicted. Table 3.3.6 summarizes major problem areas identified through hydraulic modeling of the Skokie River.

TABLE 3.3.6
Modeled Problem Definition for the Skokie River

Problem ID	Location	Recurrence Interval of Flooding (yr)	Associated Problem from Table 3.3.3
MPSK1	East Ditch from Tower to Willow Road	10, 25 50, 100	
MPSK2	Both banks of SKRV from Willow Road to Happ Road	10, 25, 50, 100	
MPSK3	I-94 underpass @ Willow Road	100	NF-FR-13
MPSK4	SKRV crossing @ I-94	50, 100	NF-FR-10

3.3.3.2 Damage Assessment

Damages were defined following the protocol defined in Chapter 6.6 of the CCSMP. No recreation damages due to flooding were identified for the Skokie River. Transportation damages were estimated as 15 percent of property damages plus I-94 (Edens Expressway) damages of $7,760,000. No erosion damages were reported for this reach.

TABLE 3.3.7
Estimated Damages for the Skokie River

Damage Category	Estimated Damage ($)	Note
Property	37,041,000	Structures at risk of flooding
Transportation	13,316,000	Assumed as 15% of property damage due to flooding plus I-94 transportation damage

3.3.3.3 Technology Screening

Flood control technologies were screened to identify those most appropriate to address the flooding problems in the Skokie River subwatershed. Increased regional storage was identified as the principal solution for addressing stormwater problems in the Skokie River.

3.3.3.4 Alternative Development

Stormwater improvement alternatives were developed to address regional stormwater problems identified in Table 3.3.3, with the aim of reducing damages due to stormwater.

Flood Control Alternatives. Alternative solutions to regional flooding problems were developed and evaluated consistent with the methodology described in Section 1.4 of this report. Table 3.3.8 summarizes flood control alternatives developed for the Skokie River. Based on the feedback from watershed communities, a review of previous studies, and a consideration of available open tracts of land, regional flood control alternatives focused on optimizing existing flood control infrastructure and development of a new reservoir.

TABLE 3.3.8
Flood Control and Erosion Control Alternatives for the Skokie River

Alternative	Location	Description
SR-01	I-94 at Voltz Road (due west of the Skokie Country Club)	Construct a new reservoir on a tract of high ground adjacent to the West Ditch of the Skokie River. The 480 acre-ft facility would store water from the West Ditch.
SR-02	I-94 at Voltz Road (due west of the Skokie Country Club)	Construct a new reservoir on a tract of high ground adjacent to the Skokie River/Lagoons. The 480 acre-ft facility would store water from the Skokie River/Lagoons.
SR-03	East Ditch at Tower Road and Forestway Drive	Redirect the East ditch under Forestway Drive and into the Skokie Lagoons
SR-04	Tower Road Dam, Glencoe Road Dam	Relocation of the Tower Road Dam and lowering of the Glencoe Road Dam
SR-05	Willow Road Dam, just north of the Skokie River crossing at Willow Road	Reduce the number of high flow gates from 7 to 3
SR-06	Willow Road Dam, just north of the Skokie River crossing at Willow Road	Remove the low flow gate
SR-07	Willow Road Dam, just north of the Skokie River crossing at Willow Road	Remove all 8 of the current gates and replace them with 1 small gate
SR-08	I-94 (Edens Expressway) at Winnetka Road	Construct 2 levees, one on each side of the I-94 underpass at Winnetka Road

Erosion Control Alternatives. No regional erosion problems were reported for the Skokie River, therefore, no erosion control alternatives are recommended.

3.3.3.5 Alternative Evaluation and Selection

SR-01 considered constructing a regional flood control reservoir on a tract of land located between the Skokie River and I-94. This 480 acre-ft facility would store water from the West Diversion Ditch which runs parallel to the Skokie River from Dundee Road to Willow Road. This alternative does reduce WSELs by 0.74 feet, but this reduction occurs over only a few hundred feet of the West Ditch. Because the reservoir does not address any of the modeled problem areas, this alternative is not recommended.

SR-02 considered constructing the reservoir from SR-01 and using it to store flow from the Skokie River instead of the West Ditch. Through analysis of the hydraulic model, it was determined that the primary source of flooding in the Skokie River Watershed is a backwater effect stemming from the confluence of Skokie River and the Middle Fork. The storage gained from this alternative does not have an impact on the backwater issue and does not resolve any of the modeled problem areas. This alternative is not recommended.

SR-03 considered redirecting the East Diversion Ditch into the Skokie Lagoons with the thought that flow from the East Ditch would be stored in the Lagoons as opposed to in the large eastern floodplain. Currently, the headwater of the East Ditch is located approximately 2,100 feet south of Lake-Cook Road; the reach flows parallel to the Skokie

River until it combines with the Skokie River just north of Willow Road. SR-03 proposes rerouting the east ditch westward into the Skokie Lagoons just upstream of Tower Road in order to reduce inundation downstream of this point. A review of the hydraulic model shows this alternative to be ineffective for 2 reasons: 1) the stage of the Skokie Lagoons is higher than that of the East Ditch causing water to backflow into the East Ditch and 2) The Skokie River backwater impact still causes flooding on the East Ditch south of Tower Road. This alternative has no positive impact and is not recommended.

SR-04 considered relocating the Tower Road Dam from its location upstream of the Skokie Lagoons reach to a new location downstream of the confluence of the Skokie River and the Skokie Lagoons. The relocation would be accompanied by raising the elevation of the dam by two feet. In addition to these alterations, the alternative considered lowering the Glencoe Road dam, located approximately 6,000 feet north of the Tower Road Dam, by approximately two feet. The idea behind performing these changes was that the Tower Road Dam would restrict flow from two reaches instead of just one, and that the Glencoe Road Dam, which was being overtopped, would be dropped to store flow from low flow events while water from high flow events would be restricted and stored by the Tower Road Dam. Due to the backwater effect mentioned in paragraphs for alternatives SR-02 and SR-03, the storage gained from this configuration does not have an impact on the downstream problem areas. This alternative is not recommended.

SR-05 considered reducing the number of high flow gates on the Willow Road Dam from seven to three in order to reduce flow being released to the Skokie River downstream of Willow Road. Currently, the Willow Road Dam has one 8 foot by 7 foot low flow gate, and seven 3.2 foot by 17 foot high flow gates. A reduction in the number of high flow gates from seven to three does decrease the flow released downstream, but this reduction does not yield any decrease in WSELs. This alternative is not recommended.

SR-06 considered removing the low flow gate on the Willow Road Dam. The invert of the low flow gate is approximately 6.5 feet lower than the inverts of the high flow gates. The low flow gate was removed in order to delay and reduce the flow being released downstream. Removal of the low flow gate does decrease the flow released downstream, but this reduction does not yield any decrease in WSELs. This alternative is not recommended.

SR-07 considered reducing the number of gates on the Willow Road Dam to one, resizing that gate to 3.2 foot by 10 foot, and raising the gate invert by six feet. These changes reduce gate discharge by 66%, but this flow reduction has a very minimal impact on downstream WSELs due to the aforementioned Skokie River backwater effect. This alternative is not recommended.

SR-08 considered constructing two small levees around the I-94 underpass at Winnetka Road. The east of I-94 levee is a two foot high, 400 foot long, earthen levee that would be constructed from just east of E. Frontage Road to the I-94 embankment. The west of I-94 levee involves raising 1,400 feet of W. Frontage Road by 2 feet in height; this 1,400 foot segment starts approximately 400 feet south of Winnetka Road. In addition to the levees, an 8 acre area located on the east side of the Skokie River and due east of the two levees will be used for compensatory storage. While storm sewer flooding may still occur in the underpass, this alternative would completely eliminate overbank flooding from the Skokie

River at only at I-94 and Winnetka Road, which partially resolves modeled problem area MPSK4. It should be noted that this project does not address overbank flooding along I-94 at Willow Road and the Skokie River crossing. See Figure 3.3.2 for a conceptual plan of this alternative. This alternative is recommended.

The Skokie River alternative trials yielded no recommended projects that would resolve any of the modeled problem areas. The backwater effect on the Skokie River does not allow for efficient usage of additional upstream flood storage. Section 3.4 addresses this backwater effect and provides recommended alternatives which reduce its impact as well as overbank flooding from the Skokie River. Alternatives that reduce WSELs on the Mainstem reach have a much more significant impact on the Skokie River than the alternatives investigated and described above for the Skokie reach itself.

A number of properties are at risk of flooding during the 100-year flood event under existing conditions and recommended alternatives. In addition, due to their locations, other properties' risk of flooding cannot be feasibly mitigated by structural measures. Such properties are candidates for protection using nonstructural flood control measures, such as flood-proofing or acquisition. These measures may be considered to address damages that are not fully addressed by capital projects recommended in the North Branch of the Chicago River DWP.

3.3.3.6 Data Required for Countywide Prioritization of Watershed Projects

Appendix I presents conceptual level cost estimates for the alternatives studied in detail. Table 3.3.9 lists the alternative analyzed in detail. Figure 3.3.2 shows a comparison of existing conditions to alternative conditions 100 year inundation mapping with the implementation of alternative SR-08.

TABLE 3.3.9
Skokie River Project Alternative Matrix to Support District CIP Prioritization

Project	Description	B/C Ratio	Net Benefits ($)	Total Project Cost ($)	Cumulative Structures Protected	Water Quality Benefit	Recommended	Communities Involved
SR-08[1]	Construct I-94 at Winnetka Road levees and associated compensatory storage to eliminate overbank flooding in this immediate area	1.35	7,760,000	5,761,000	0	None	Yes	Northfield, Unincorporated Cook County, FPDCC, IDOT, Cook County Highway Department

1 - SR-08 project addresses overbank flooding of the Skokie River near I-94 (Edens Expressway) and Winnetka Road. For purposes of benefit calculation for SR-08, no other temporary closure of I-94 due to overbank flooding is assumed.

3.4 Mainstem of the NBCR Upstream of the North Branch Dam

The Mainstem of the North Branch of the Chicago River, which runs from the confluence of the Skokie River and the Middle Fork down to the North Branch Dam at the confluence with the North Shore Channel, has a stream length of 15.6 miles and a drainage area of 21.5 square miles. Table 3.4.1 summarizes the land area of communities within the Mainstem subwatershed. The Mainstem subwatershed consists primarily of residential area and includes with a large portion of forest preserve area being located throughout the bulk of its stream length. Table 3.4.2 summarizes the land use distribution within the Mainstem.

TABLE 3.4.1
Communities Draining to the Mainstem Upstream

Community/Tributary	Tributary Area (mi^2)
Chicago	9.53
Morton Grove	4.99
Niles	4.06
Glenview	1.97
Unincorporated	0.60
Wilmette	0.15
Golf	0.11
Skokie	Less than 0.1
Park Ridge	Less than 0.1

Figures 3.4.1a, 3.4.1b, and 3.4.1c are an overview of the tributary area of the Mainstem subwatershed. Reported stormwater problem areas, flood inundation areas, and proposed alternative projects are also shown and discussed in the following subsections.

TABLE 3.4.2
Land Use Distribution for the Mainstem Upstream

Land Use Category	Area (acres)	%
Residential	7,602	55.3
Forest/Open Land	3,349	24.4
Commercial/Industrial	1,911	13.9
Institutional	575	4.2
Transportation/Utility	301	2.2
Agricultural	Less than 1	0
Water/Wetland	Less than 1	0

3.4.1 Sources of Data

3.4.1.1 Previous Studies

Data from the 1997 FIS regulatory model (HEC-2) were utilized for supplementing the newly developed DWP HEC-RAS model for the Main Stem.

3.4.1.2 Water Quality Data

The IEPA has eight Ambient Water Quality Monitoring Network sites on the Mainstem. Three reaches of the Mainstem are identified as impaired in the IEPA's 2008 Integrated Water Quality Report, which includes the CWA 303(d) and 305(b) lists. No TMDLs have been established for the Mainstem. TMDLs are currently being developed for dissolved oxygen, chloride, and fecal coliform. According to a water permit discharge query from the USEPA, there are twelve NPDES permits issued by IEPA to the Chicago Tribune, Ozinga Bros., Inc., Metal Management Midwest, Inc., Orange Crush Recycle, Ltd., Apparel Center, Finkl, A. and Sons Company, all in Chicago, and MWRDGC-Perini/Ica/O&G Joint of Morton Grove, Castwell Products, Inc. of Skokie, Unocal Corp. of Northfield, Village of Morton Grove, Village of Skokie, and City of Chicago, for discharges to the Mainstem. Municipalities discharging to the Mainstem are regulated by IEPA's NPDES Phase II Stormwater Permit Program, which was instituted to improve water quality by requiring that municipalities develop six minimum control measures for limiting runoff pollution to receiving systems.

3.4.1.3 Wetland and Riparian Areas

Figures 2.3.6 and 2.3.7 contain mapping of wetland and riparian areas in the NBCR Watershed. Wetland areas were identified using NWI mapping. NWI data includes approximately 343 acres of wetland areas in the Mainstem tributary area. Restoration and enhancement of wetlands are included as part of the recommended alternatives described in the sub-sections below. Riparian areas are defined as vegetated areas between aquatic and upland ecosystems adjacent to a waterway or body of water that provides flood management, habitat, and water quality enhancement. Identified riparian environments offer potential opportunities for restoration.

3.4.1.4 Floodplain Mapping

Flood inundation areas supporting the NFIP were revised in 2008 as a part of FEMA's Map Modernization Program. Floodplain boundaries were revised based upon updated Cook County topographic information, but the effective models used to estimate flood levels generally were not updated. LOMRs were incorporated in the revised floodplains. The effective FIS H&H analysis was performed in both 1978 and 1980 depending on the portion of the river that was modeled. The hydrologic modeling was performed by using HEC-1, TR-20, and I-PTIII with Regression Equation 79; Hydraulic routing was performed using both HEC-2 and WSP2.

Appendix A includes a comparison of FEMA's effective floodplain mapping from updated DFIRM panels with inundation areas developed for the DWP.

3.4.1.5 Stormwater Problem Data

Table 3.4.3 summarizes reported problem areas reviewed as a part of the DWP development. The problem area data was obtained primarily from Form B questionnaire response data provided by watershed communities, agencies, and stakeholders to the District. Problems are classified in Table 3.4.3 as regional or local. This classification is based on a process described in Section 1 of this report.

3.4.1.6 Near-Term Planned Projects

Watershed communities, agencies, and stakeholders were asked about near-term planned projects so that the implementation of near-term flood control projects by others is considered in development of the DWP. Several studies are currently underway in the Mainstem Subwatershed; however, no near-term planned flood control projects by others have been identified in the Mainstem Subwatershed.

TABLE 3.4.3
Community Response Data for the Mainstem Upstream

Problem ID[1]	Municipality	Problems as Reported by Local Agency	Location	Problem Description	Local/ Regional	Resolution in DWP
CH-ER-28	City of Chicago	Streambank erosion on intercommunity waterways	LaBagh Woods - Bryn Mawr & Kostner Avenue	FPDCC reported off-site stormwater volumes are causing downcutting in a ditch, thereby lowering the water table in the adjacent natural wetland areas.	Regional	Erosion problem does not threaten structures or conveyance of Mainstem. Not addressed by DWP.
CH-FL-29	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Citywide	Basement flooding, storm water sewer flow restriction throughout area. City sewer improvements are often focused towards areas of the most complaints.	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
CH-FL-30	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Route 90/94 at Central Avenue	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
CH-FL-31	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Route 90/94 at Milwaukee Avenue (Lane 3)	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
CH-FL-32	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Route 90/94 at Jefferson Park Tunnel (NR Ainslie Street) Lane 3	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.

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Problem ID[1]	Municipality	Problems as Reported by Local Agency	Location	Problem Description	Local/ Regional	Resolution in DWP
CH-FL-33	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Route 94 (Edens) at North Elston Avenue (SB)	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
CH-FL-34	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Route 90 at Austin Avenue	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
CH-FL-35	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Route 90 at Lawrence Avenue	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
CH-FL-36	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Route 90 at Bryn Mawr Avenue	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
CH-FL-37	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Route 90 at Nagle Avenue (NB ramp)	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.

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Problem ID[1]	Municipality	Problems as Reported by Local Agency	Location	Problem Description	Local/ Regional	Resolution in DWP
CH-FR-38	City of Chicago	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	LaBagh Woods	FPDCC reported off-site stormwater volumes are causing downcutting in a ditch, thereby lowering the water table in the adjacent natural wetland areas - (ponding checked on form B)	Regional	Problem is not caused by overbank flooding. Not addressed by DWP.
CH-WQ-39	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Citywide	Basement flooding, storm sewer flow restriction, water quality (pollution) throughout area. The City sewer improvements are often focused towards areas of the most complaints	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
CH-WQ-40	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Throughout Chicago wetland areas	FPDCC reported off-site stormwater volumes are causing downcutting in a ditch, thereby lowering the water table in the adjacent natural wetland areas - (wetland issue considered WQ)	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. Not addressed by DWP.
CH-FL-44	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Central Avenue at South of Devon Avenue	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
CH-FR-45	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (regional) flooding	Albany Park	Overbank flooding throughout the community	Regional	The recommended alternative is MS-10.
GV-FL-01	Village of Glenview	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Sunset Ridge Road - East Lake Avenue to Skokie Road	Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.

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Problem ID[1]	Municipality	Problems as Reported by Local Agency	Location	Problem Description	Local/ Regional	Resolution in DWP
GV-FL-02	Village of Glenview	Intracommunity (local) flooding	East of Harms Road South of Lake Avenue	Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
MG-ER-01	Village of Morton Grove	Streambank erosion on intercommunity waterways	Linne Woods, Village of Morton Grove	Tree impeding flow, failing streambank stabilization	Regional	Upon field visit, erosion problem does not threaten structures or conveyance of Mainstem and existing stabilization appeared to be adequate. Not addressed by DWP.
NL-FL-08	City of Chicago, Village of Niles	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Illinois Route 43 at Howard Street (N/O)	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
MG-FL-02	Village of Morton Grove, Village of Glenview	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Illinois Route 43 at Illinois Route 58	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.

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SK-FL-11	City of Evanston, Village of Skokie	Intracommunity (local) flooding	US Route 41 @ Old Orchard Road to Golf Road	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
MG-FL-03	Unincorp Cook County, Village of Morton Grove, Village of Golf	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Golf Rd at West of Harms Road	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
NL-FL-09	Village of Skokie, Village of Niles	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Gross Point Road at 7500 Gross Point Road	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
NL-FL-01	Village of Niles	Intracommunity (local) flooding	US Route 14 at Illinois Route 21 (Milwaukee Area)	IDOT Pavement flooding US RT 14 at Illinois Rte 21 (Milwaukee Ave)	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
NL-FL-02	Village of Niles	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Illinois Route 21 at Main Street (S/O US Route 14)	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.

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Problem ID[1]	Municipality	Problems as Reported by Local Agency	Location	Problem Description	Local/ Regional	Resolution in DWP
NL-FL-03	Village of Niles	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Illinois Route 43 at Oakton Street	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
NL-FL-04	Village of Niles	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Dempster Street, East of Harlem Avenue	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
NL-FR-05	Village of Niles	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Tam Golf Course, Niles	Tam Golf Course Flooding- During major storm events, overbank flooding of the adjacent golf course - Tam Golf Course and/or its buildings owned by the Niles Park District.	Regional	This DWP includes one investigated regional flood control alternative that addresses this problem: MS-02
NL-FR-06	Village of Niles	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Harts Road & Riverside Drive, Niles	Overbank flooding in areas of the intersection of Harts Rd and Riverside Drive during severe storm events.	Regional	This DWP includes one investigated regional flood control alternative that addresses this problem: MS-02. Recommend raising road to eliminate pavement flooding.

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Problem ID[1]	Municipality	Problems as Reported by Local Agency	Location	Problem Description	Local/ Regional	Resolution in DWP
NL-ER-10	Village of Niles	Streambank erosion on intercommunity waterways	Wood River Drive	Erosion problem along the NBCR for the townhouses located at 6620, 6622, 6624, 6626, 6628, 6630, 6632, 6634, 6636, 6638, and 6640 Wood River Drive.	Regional	Erosion problem does not immediately threaten structures or conveyance of Mainstem. Not addressed by DWP.
SK-FL-01	Village of Skokie	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Route 94 at Illinois Route 58	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
SK-FL-02	Village of Skokie	Intracommunity (local) flooding	US Route 41 at Gross Point Road	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
SK-FL-03	Village of Skokie	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Gross Point between Emerson & Kenton	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
SK-FL-04	Village of Skokie	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Church Road at Gross Point Road	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.

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Problem ID[1]	Municipality	Problems as Reported by Local Agency	Location	Problem Description	Local/ Regional	Resolution in DWP
SK-FL-05	Village of Skokie	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Harms Flatwoods Forest Preserve - Old Orchard Road and Harms Road	FPDCC reported that off-site stormwater volumes from adjacent properties modify the hydrology in this ecologically significant flatwoods community with endangered and threatened plant species.	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway.
SK-WQ-06	Village of Skokie	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Harms Flatwoods Forest Preserve - Old Orchard Road and Harms Road	FPDCC reported off-site stormwater volumes from adjacent properties modify the hydrology in this ecologically significant flatwoods community with endangered and threatened plant species.	Local	Erosion problem does not threaten structures or conveyance of West Fork. Not addressed by DWP.
UC-ER-01	Uninc. Cook County	Streambank erosion on intercommunity waterways	Harms Flatwoods Forest Preserve - West of Old Orchard Road and Harms Road	FPDCC reported properties on the west side of the forest preserve discharge stormwater directly to forest preserve with impacts of erosion, sedimentation, and habitat degradation.	Local	Erosion problem does not threaten structures or conveyance of Mainstem. Not addressed by DWP.
UC-WQ-02	Uninc. Cook County	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Harms Flatwoods Forest Preserve - West of Old Orchard Road and Harms Road	FPDCC reported properties on the west side of the forest preserve discharge stormwater directly to forest preserve with impacts of erosion, sedimentation, and habitat degradation	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway.
WM-FL-01	Village of Wilmette	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Wilmette Golf Course at Lake and Harms	Ponding/storm sewer flow restriction after rain events in isolated low areas/storm restrictions. Storm sewer surcharging by high river water levels results in yard ponding/depressed driveways/garages	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.

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Problem ID[1]	Municipality	Problems as Reported by Local Agency	Location	Problem Description	Local/ Regional	Resolution in DWP
WM-FL-02	Village of Wilmette	Intracommunity (local) flooding	US Route 41 at N/O Hibbard Road	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
WM-FL-03	Village of Wilmette	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Route 94 (Edens) at Glenview Road	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
WM-FL-04	Village of Wilmette	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Various locations in Wilmette	Map of the local ponding throughout area during the September 2008 storm	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
WM-FL-05	Village of Wilmette	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Various locations Wilmette	Map of the basement Flooding throughout area during September 2008 storm	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway.
WM-FR-06	Village of Wilmette	Intercommunity (regional) flooding	Wilmette Golf Course	Flooding and ponding at the Wilmette Golf Course after rain events. High water levels in the river causes stormwater to back up within the golf course.	Regional	The recommended alternative is MS-14.

[1] All Problem IDs begin with NB-NBCU- as all problems are within the North Branch – Upstream of the North Branch Dam subwatershed.

3.4.2 Watershed Analysis

3.4.2.1 Hydrologic Model Development

Subbasin Delineation.
The Mainstem tributary area was delineated based primarily upon LiDAR topographic data developed by Cook County in 2003. The watershed boundaries of the Des Plaines River (western edge) and LM (eastern edge) were compared, and discrepancies were identified. Discrepancies generally were minor and resolved by manual review of topographic data and consultation with Des Plaines River DWP consultant, Christopher B. Burke Engineering.

Hydrologic Parameter Calculations. Table 3.4.4 summarizes the total drainage area, number of modeled subbasins, and average subbasin size for the Mainstem and its major tributaries.

TABLE 3.4.4
Mainstem Upstream System Subbasin Summary

Subbasin	Drainage Area (mi^2)	Number of Modeled Subbasins	Average Modeled Subbasin Size (acres)
Mainstem	21.49	21	655
Major Tributaries to Mainstem			
West Fork	19.70	42	300
Middle Fork	5.01	10	321
Skokie River	13.41	13	660

CNs were estimated for each subbasin based upon NRCS soil data and 2001 CMAP land use data. This method is further described in Section 1.3.2, with lookup values for specific combinations of land use and soil data presented in Appendix C. An area-weighted average of the CN was generated for each subbasin. The Clark unit hydrograph method was used to convert SCS CN runoff volumes into subbasin-specific hydrographs. Time of concentration (Tc) and storage coefficient (R) parameters for the Clark unit hydrograph method were estimated as described in Section 1.3.2. Appendix G provides a summary of the hydrologic parameters used for subbasins in each subwatershed.

3.4.2.2 Hydraulic Model Development

Field Data, Investigation, and Existing Model Data. No hydraulic models that met the District criteria for use in the DWP, as identified in Section 6.3.3.2 of the CCSMP, were available for DWP development. Field surveys of the Mainstem and bridge crossings were performed to characterize the channel and near overbank geometry. Cross-sectional geometry in the non-surveyed overbank area was obtained from Cook County topographic data and combined with the field surveyed channel cross section. Field visits were performed to assess channel and overbank roughness characteristics, which were combined with information from photographs and aerial photography to assign modeled Manning's *n* roughness coefficients along the modeled stream length.

Boundary Conditions. The downstream boundary condition for the Mainstem is the stage of the NSC; however, this downstream boundary condition can be more appropriately described as the rating curve of the North Branch Dam as it is impacted by the stage of the NSC. The USACE CAWS hydraulic model was utilized to determine the downstream boundary condition of the Mainstem. The calculation of this boundary condition is further described in Appendix E.

3.4.2.3 Calibration and Verification

Observed Data. As in shown in Figure 2.3.1, two thiessen polygons, based on two different precipitation gages, allow for complete coverage of the Mainstem subwatershed. The upstream-most thiessen polygon is based on CCPN gage number 4; the downstream-most portion of the Mainstem is covered by CCPN gage number 6. Data for the September 2008 and October 2001 storms were gathered for calibration and verification of the hydrologic and hydraulic models.

Chapter 6 of the CCSMP states that calibration and verification comparisons with gage data must come within: 30% for peak flow, 30% for hydrograph volume, and 0.5 feet for peak stage. Both USGS stream gages on the Mainstem were used for calibration and verification of the North Branch of the Chicago River and its tributaries. Mainstem gage 0553600 is located at Touhy Avenue in Niles, and Mainstem gage 05536105 is located at Albany Avenue in Chicago. Tables 3.4.5 and 3.4.6 display monitored peak flow for the September 2008 calibration and October 2001 verification events. An initial check at these gages showed that the existing conditions hydraulic model met 5 of the 6 criterion for CCSMP compliance. The one value that initially did not meet CCSMP criteria was the stage of the Albany Avenue gage. With the hydraulic model displaying accuracy at the Touhy Avenue gage, and showing accuracy for flow and volume at the Albany gage, it was determined that the issue with the Albany stage was most likely hydraulic in nature. The rating curve for the North Branch Dam was adjusted by applying an increase in the weir coefficient of discharge from 3.1 to 3.8, in order to reduce the stage to a compliant level.

TABLE 3.4.5
Flow Events at USGS gage 05536000

Date	Peak Monitored Flow (cfs)
9/13/2008	3,340
10/14/2001	1,710

TABLE 3.4.6
Flow Events at USGS gage 05536105

Date	Peak Monitored Flow (cfs)
9/14/2008	4,310
10/14/2001	1,700

Calibration Results.
Figures 3.4A through 3.4H display stage and flow comparisons between HEC-RAS hydrographs and gage hydrographs at each Mainstem gage, for the calibration and verification events. Tables 3.4.6, 3.4.7, and 3.4.8 depict how the HEC-RAS model matches up with the gage model with regard to peak flow, volume, and peak stage, respectively.

TABLE 3.4.7

Gage and Model Peak Flow Comparison

Gage Number	Gage Peak Flow (cfs)	Model Peak Flow (cfs)	% Difference	Meets CCSMP Req. (30%)
September 2008				
05536000	3,340	3,130	6.3	YES
05536105	4,310	3,573	17.1	YES
October 2001				
05536000	1,710	1,733	1.3	YES
05536105	1,700	1,786	5.1	YES

TABLE 3.4.8

Gage and Model Volume Comparison

Gage Number	Gage Volume (acre-ft)	Model Volume (acre-ft)	% Difference	Meets CCSMP Req. (30%)
September 2008				
05536000	20,548	20,736	0.9	YES
05536105	26,907	22,932	14.8	YES
October 2001				
05536000	12,361	10,853	12.2	YES
05536105	12,909	11,691	9.4	YES

TABLE 3.4.9

Gage and Model Peak Stage Comparison

Gage Number	Gage Elevation (ft)	Model Elevation (ft)	Difference (ft)	Meets CCSMP Req. (<0.5ft)
September 2008				
05536000	613.9	613.6	0.3	YES
05536105	588.3	588.6	0.3	YES
October 2001				
05536000	611.0	611.4	0.4	YES
05536105	586.5	586.8	0.3	YES

*All elevations are given in NAVD88

FIGURE 3.4A
Mainstem flow comparison at the Niles gage (05536000) for September 13, 2008 storm

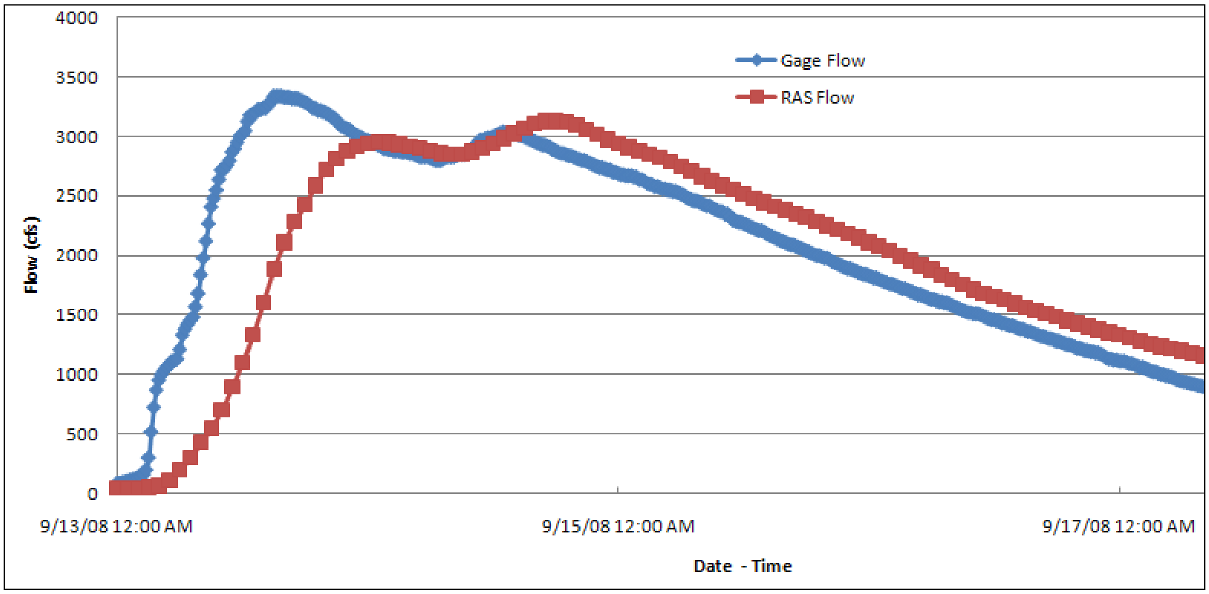
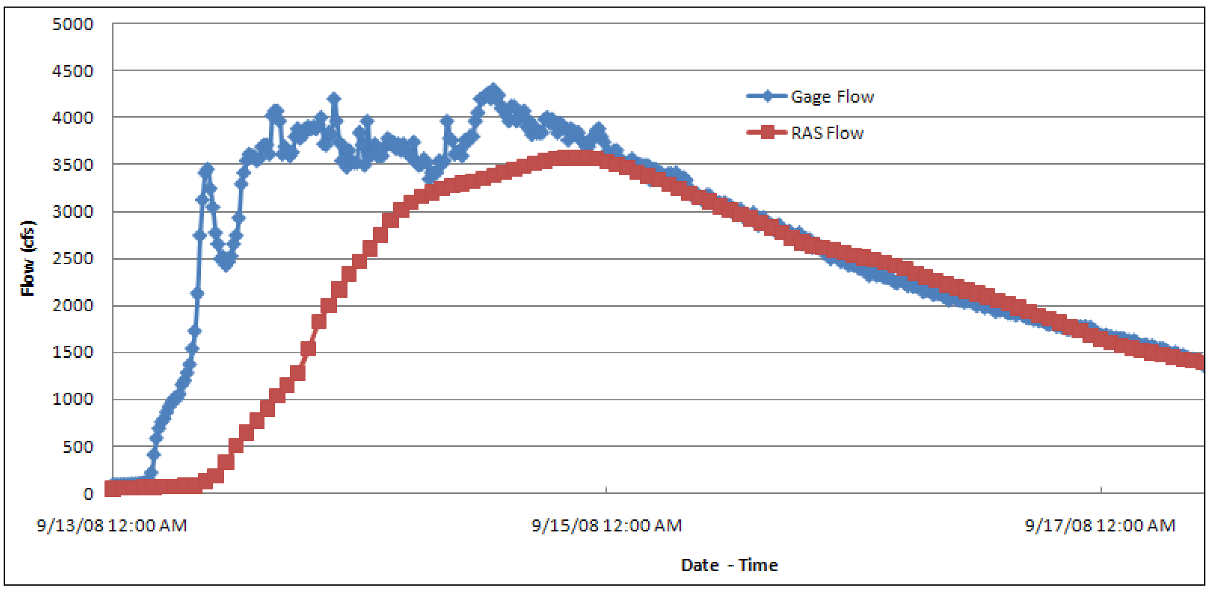


FIGURE 3.4B
Mainstem flow comparison at the Albany gage (05536105) for September 13, 2008 storm



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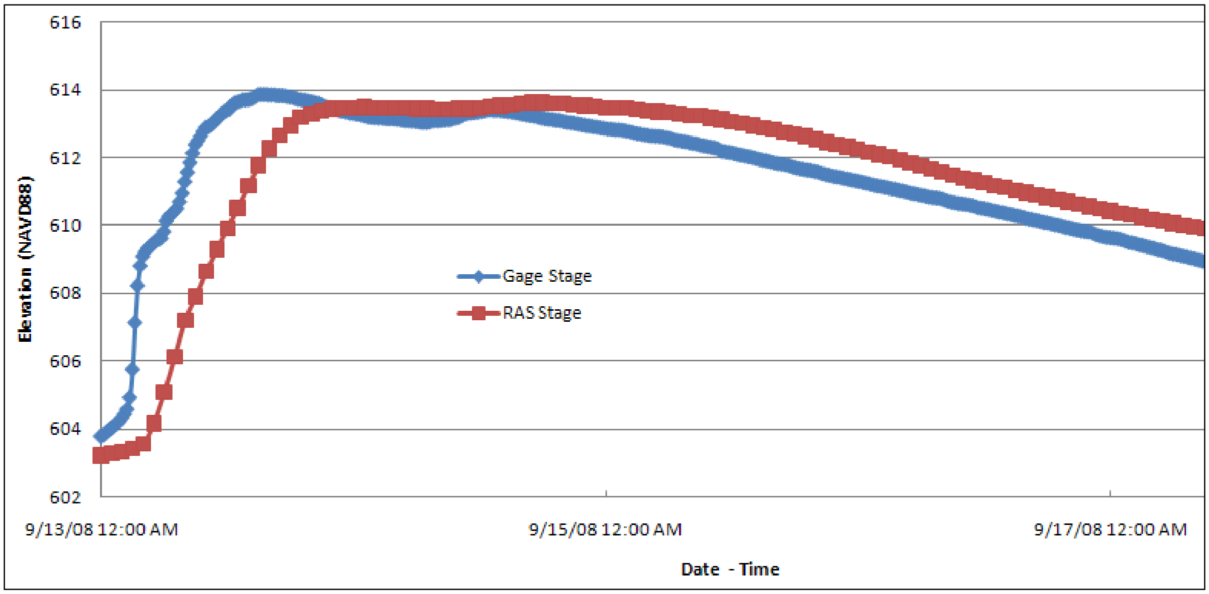
Mainstem stage comparison at the Niles gage (05536000) for September 13, 2008 storm



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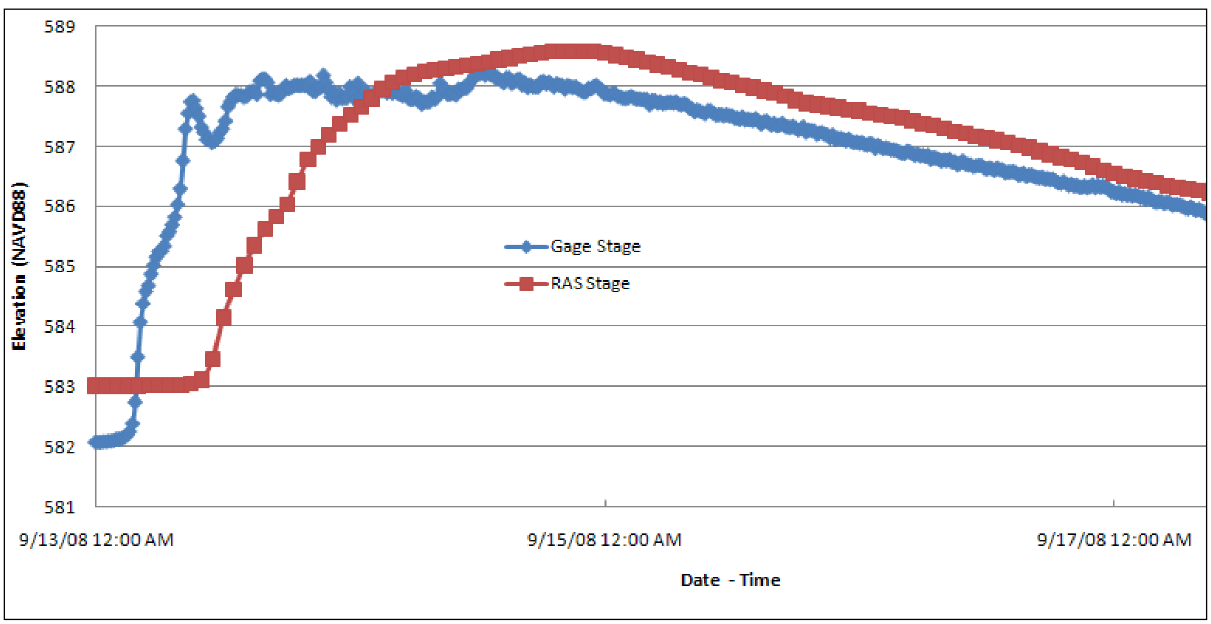
Mainstem stage comparison at the Albany gage (05536105) for September 13, 2008 storm



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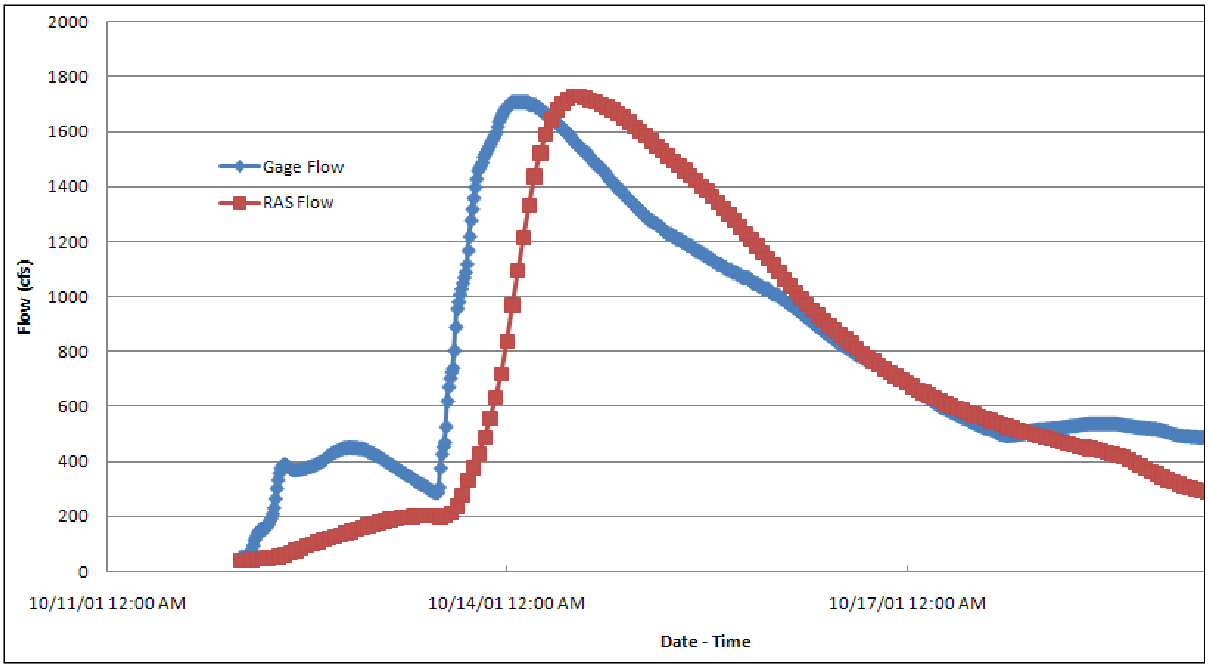
Mainstem flow comparison at the Niles gage (05536000) for October 13, 2001 storm



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Mainstem flow comparison at the Albany gage (05536105) for October 13, 2001 storm

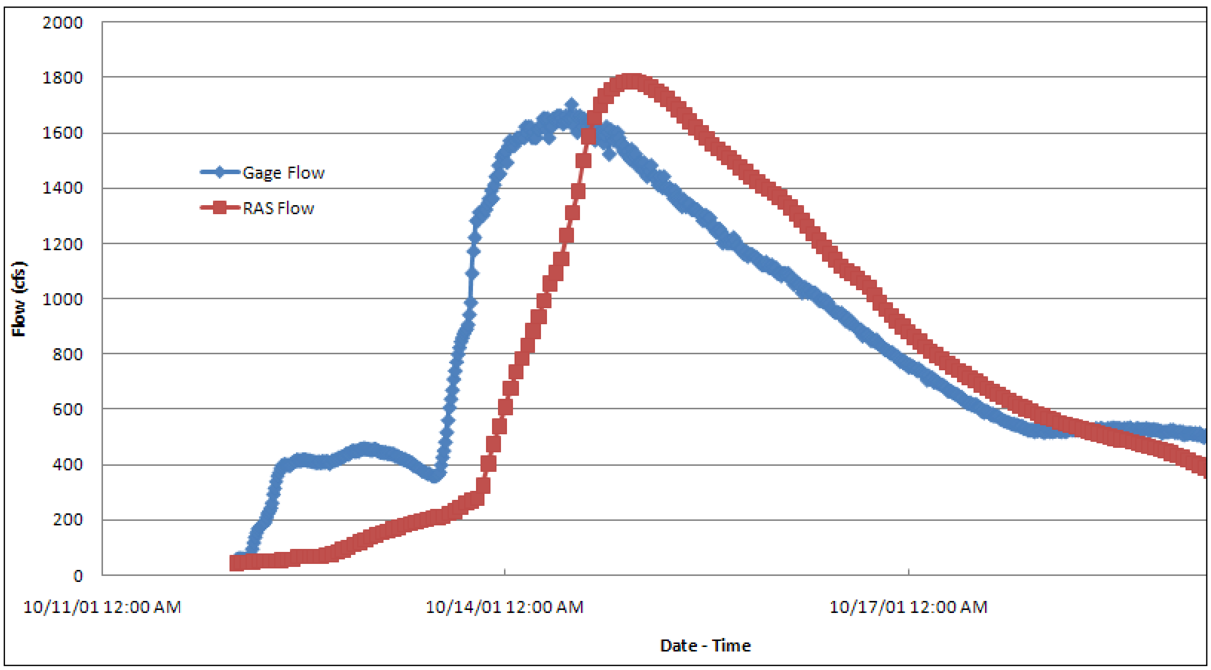


FIGURE 3.4G
Mainstem stage comparison at the Niles gage (05536000) for October 13, 2001 storm

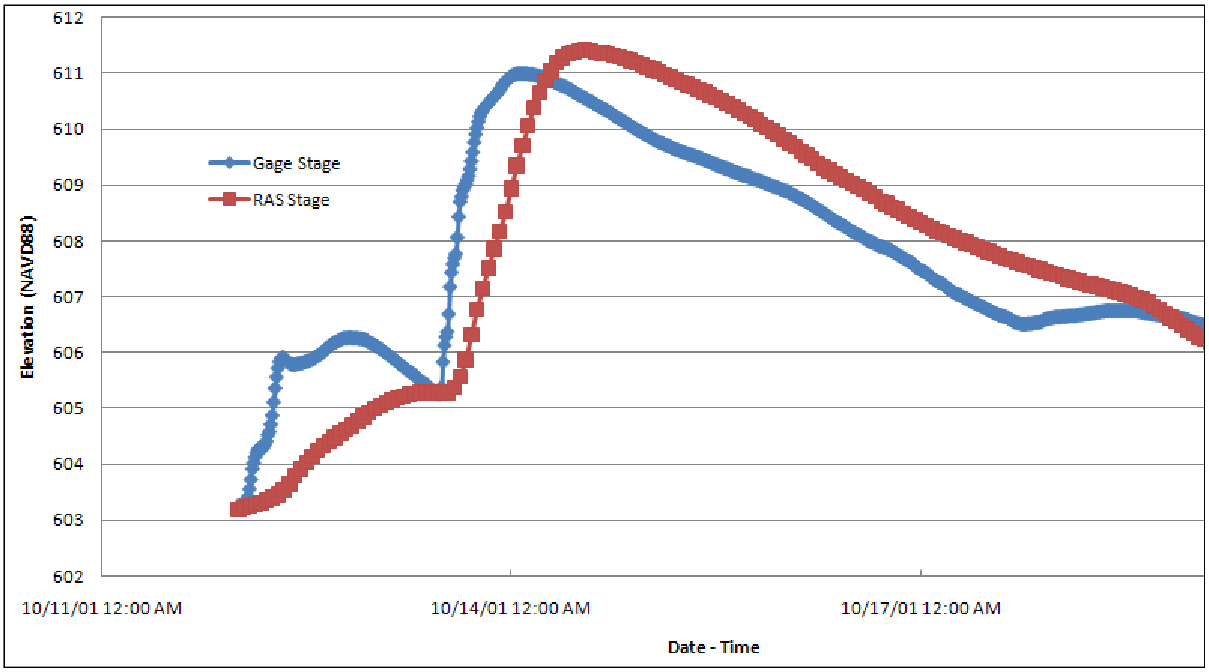
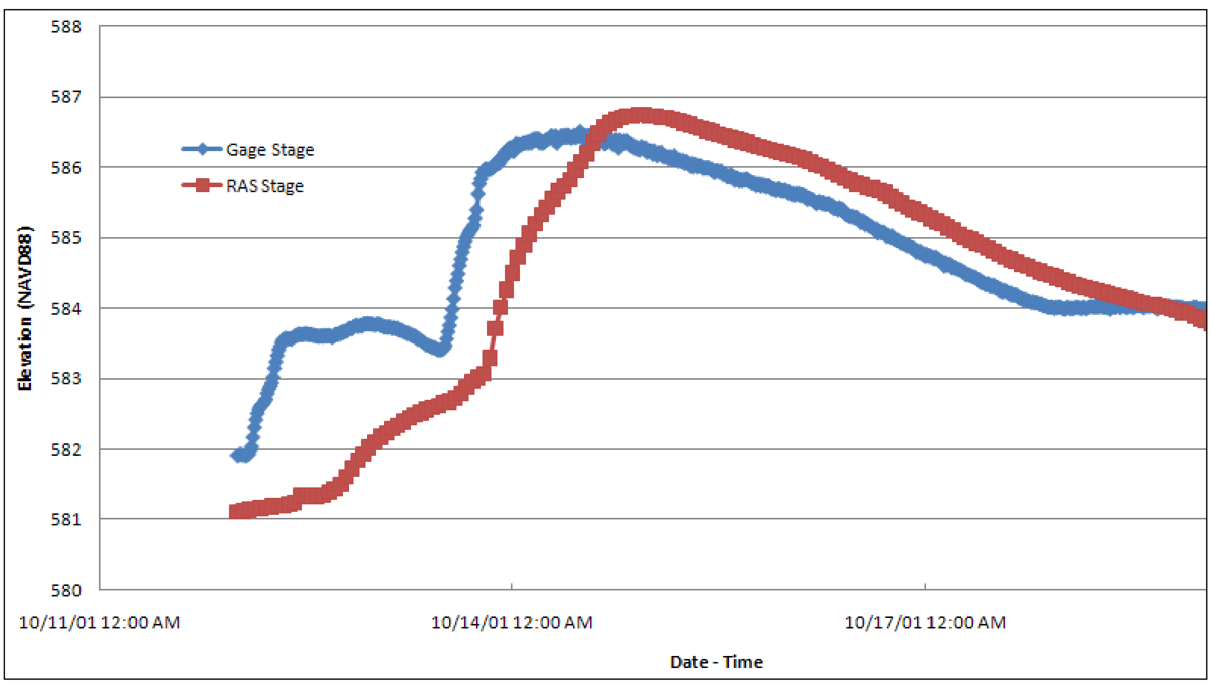


FIGURE 3.4H
Mainstem stage comparison at the Albany gage (05536105) for October 13, 2001 storm



3.4.2.4 Existing Conditions Evaluation

Flood Inundation Areas. Figures 3.4.1a-c show inundation areas produced by the hydraulic model for the 100-year, 24-hour duration design storm.

Hydraulic Profiles. Appendix H contains hydraulic profiles of existing conditions in the Mainstem reach. Profiles are shown for the 2-, 5-, 10-, 25-, 50-, 100-, and 500-year recurrence interval design storms.

3.4.3 Development and Evaluation of Alternatives

3.4.3.1 Modeled Problem Definition

Hydraulic model results were reviewed with inundation mapping to identify locations where property damage due to flooding is predicted. Table 3.4.9 summarizes major problem areas identified through hydraulic modeling of the Mainstem.

TABLE 3.4.10
Modeled Problem Definition for the Mainstem Upstream

Problem ID	Location	Recurrence Interval of Flooding (yr)	Associated Problem from Table 3.1.3
MPMS1	East overbank flooding hydraulically connected to the subdivision between Glenview Road and Old Orchard Road	10, 25, 50, 100	
MPMS2	East overbank flooding from Howard Street to Harts Road	25, 50, 100	NL-FR-06
MPMS3	Overbank flooding from Foster Avenue to Kedzie Avenue	10, 25,50, 100	CH-FL-29

3.4.3.2 Damage Assessment

Damages were defined following the protocol defined in Chapter 6.6 of the CCSMP. No recreation damages due to flooding were identified for the Mainstem. Transportation damages were estimated as 15 percent of property damages. No erosion damages were calculated because no active streambank erosion was reported within 30 feet of any infrastructure.

TABLE 3.4.11
Estimated Damages for the Mainstem Upstream

Damage Category	Estimated Damage ($)	Note
Property	45,545,000	Structures at risk of flooding
Transportation	6,832,000	Assumed as 15% of property damage due to flooding

3.4.3.3 Technology Screening

Flood control technologies were screened to identify those most appropriate to address the flooding problems in the Mainstem subwatershed. A variety of flood control technologies are used in the recommended alternatives including: regional flood control reservoirs, channel modification, levee construction, and flow diversion tunnels.

3.4.3.4 Alternative Development

Stormwater improvement alternatives were developed to address regional stormwater problems identified in Table 3.4.3, with the aim of reducing damages due to stormwater.

Flood Control Alternatives. Alternative solutions to regional flooding problems were developed and evaluated consistent with the methodology described in Section 1.4 of this report. Table 3.4.11 summarizes flood control alternatives developed for the Mainstem. Based on the feedback from watershed communities, a review of previous studies, and a consideration of available open tracts of land, stormwater detention alternatives developed for the Mainstem were focused primarily on new reservoir construction on open parcels.

TABLE 3.4.12
Flood Control and Erosion Control Alternatives for the Mainstem Upstream

Alternative	Location	Description
MS-01	Approximately 2,500 feet upstream of the Mainstem crossing at Dempster St	Repair/stabilize a section of streambank in which prior erosion stabilization has failed
MS-02	1,600 feet north of the intersection of Lehigh Ave and Dempster St	Construct a new reservoir on the open parcel at this location
MS-03	Cook County Forest Preserve from Harts Road to I-94	Construct several small in-channel restrictions which would increase floodplain storage on FPDCC land
MS-04	Edgebrook Golf Course, located between Devon Ave and N Central Ave	Construct a new reservoir on the 18 hole golf course
MS-05	Billy Caldwell Golf Course, located northwest of the intersection of N Leader Ave and N Lansing Ave	Construct a new reservoir on the 9 hole golf course
MS-06	LaBagh Woods, approximately 900 ft east of the parking lot	Erosion stabilization along a ditch that runs from a wetland area to the Mainstem
MS-07	Foster Ave. from Avers Ave. to the North Shore Channel	Construct an 18 foot diameter diversion tunnel along Foster Avenue that diverts flow from the Mainstem to the NSC
MS-08	Foster Ave and Pulaski Road	Construct a new reservoir on the open parcels in this area
MS-09	Ridgeway Ave ped bridge	Remove Ridgeway Ave ped bridge to improve channel hydraulics through this area
MS-10	Foster Ave crossing to Kimball Ave crossing	Construct a floodwall to protect the Albany Park neighborhood from overbank flooding
MS-11	Confluence of the Mainstem and the North Shore Channel	Analyze the floodplain impacts of a possible canoe chute addition to the North Branch Dam
MS-12	Wilmette Golf Course, just northeast of the Lake Ave Mainstem crossing	Construct a new regional flood control reservoir on the golf course property
MS-13	Mainstem channel from the Middle Fork confluence to the West Fork confluence	Construct a channel modification that widens the existing channel and increases conveyance for the modified cross sections
MS-14	MS-12 and MS-13 locations	Construct the Wilmette GC reservoir (MS-12) and perform the MS-13 channel modification

Erosion Control Alternatives.

Two erosion control alternatives, MS-01 and MS-06, were investigated for the Mainstem in order to address the erosion problems that were reported. None of these alternatives were selected because no infrastructure is present within 30 feet of active streambank erosion on the Mainstem.

3.4.3.5 Alternative Evaluation and Selection

MS-01 considered erosion stabilization on a section of streambank approximately 2,500 feet upstream of the Mainstem crossing at Dempster Street. Currently, a system of AJAX is in place to stabilize the streambank, but this system is beginning to fail in several locations. Field review of this problem determined that the repair/stabilization area is not within 30 feet of existing infrastructure and the existing stabilization is in fair condition. This alternative is not recommended at this time.

MS-02 considered constructing a new flood control reservoir on an open parcel located just east of Lehigh Ave, between Beckwith Road and Dempster Street. In addition to the construction of the approximate 570 acre-ft reservoir, a restriction culvert would be added to the Mainstem in order to allow for flow to backup into the reservoir. This alternative results in full utilization of the reservoir and utilization of additional storage in the Cook County Forest Preserve floodplain due to the restricted flow backup. While MS-02 does decrease WSELs as much as 1.6 feet in some areas, and as much as 1.2 feet in the Albany Park neighborhood, the alternative causes large WSEL increases on the order of 2 feet through the FPDCC. With the negative impact on FPDCC property and on local neighborhood storm sewer outfalls, this alternative was deemed infeasible. This alternative is not recommended.

MS-03 considered constructing a series of 6 dams on the Mainstem from just upstream of Devon Avenue to just upstream of the LaBagh Woods railroad crossing. The idea behind these storage steps was to restrict flow at each of the dams which would increase WSELs through FPDCC land and allow for additional storage in the Forest Preserve floodplain. The six dams varied in height from 7 to 9 feet and included a small box culvert to bypass low flows. The storage steps do increase WSELs through the forest preserve area, but these upstream increases do not result in any downstream decreases. Because the forest preserve is already storing a significant amount flow in its floodplain, the additional storage is minimal by comparison. This alternative is not recommended.

MS-04 considered constructing a regional flood control reservoir on the Edgebrook Golf Course, located in the Mainstem floodplain from Devon Avenue to North Central Avenue. This proposed 1,730 acre-ft facility would remove 11 holes from the Edgebrook GC and would require a restriction culvert to be built on the Mainstem. This alternative is effective as it reduces WSELs by as much as 1.1 feet the Albany Park neighborhood. Based upon District coordination with the FPDCC, it was determined that storage would be allowed to be built on the golf course to increase its playability; however, a reservoir large enough to mitigate downstream flooding would take up the majority of the land area of the golf course and was not considered feasible by FPDCC. The acreage needed to make an impact on the MPMS3 problem area is not available due to these restrictions. This alternative is not recommended.

MS-05 considered constructing a regional flood control reservoir on the Billy Caldwell Golf Course, located northwest of the intersection of North Leader Avenue and North Lansing Avenue. This proposed 1,700 acre-ft facility would remove all 9 holes from the Billy Caldwell GC and would require a restriction culvert to be built on the Mainstem. This alternative is effective as it reduces WSELs by as much as 1.6 feet in the Albany Park neighborhood. Based upon District coordination with the FPDCC, it was determined that storage would be allowed to be built on the golf course to increase its playability; however, a reservoir large enough to mitigate downstream flooding would take up the majority of the land area of the golf course and was not considered feasible by FPDCC. The acreage needed to make an impact on the MPMS3 problem area is not available due to these restrictions. This alternative is not recommended.

MS-06 considered erosion stabilization on a ditch that conveys water from a wetland area, in the LaBagh Woods Forest Preserve, to the Mainstem. It was reported that down-cutting in this ditch causes the wetland to drain prematurely. Field review of this area determined that streambank erosion does not occur within 30 feet of a structure. This alternative is not recommended.

MS-07 considered constructing a 14 foot diameter diversion tunnel which would run under Foster Avenue from its intersection with Avers Avenue until its discharge into the North Shore Channel. The 14 foot diameter tunnel, which would divert flow from the Mainstem to the North Shore Channel, was originally recommended by MWH Americans, Inc. (MWH) in their January 22, 2010 pre-feasibility evaluation. MWH determined that a 14 foot diameter tunnel would be large enough to divert enough flow to keep the Mainstem within bank for a 100 year event through the Albany Park neighborhood. Based on the DWP hydraulic model, it was determined that, while a 14 foot tunnel would greatly reduce the inundated area, an 18 foot diameter tunnel would come much closer to eliminating overbank flooding through the Albany Park neighborhood. The proposed 18 foot diameter tunnel almost completely resolves the MPMS3 problem area with the exception of a small amount of street flooding in a few locations. However, after the cost analysis performed in this DWP, this alternative is not recommended as the most cost effective solution for the Albany Park neighborhood overbank flooding. The recommended alternative for mitigating Albany Park neighborhood overbank flooding is MS-10. It is noted that the City of Chicago supports the MS-07 alternative in lieu of MS-10. The City of Chicago supports MS-07 because the tunnel would reduce flooding without buyouts, relocations, or construction of a wall through the neighborhood.

MS-08 considered utilizing open parcels near the intersection of Foster Avenue and Pulaski Road for regional flood control. A review of the open parcels showed there was approximately 30 acre-ft of storage to be gained, which is not large enough to have any impact on WSELs. This alternative is not recommended.

MS-09 considered removing the Ridgeway Avenue pedestrian bridge in order to increase conveyance through this area. Because the 2008 FIS profile of the Mainstem shows a positive head differential at the Ridgeway pedestrian bridge, the bridge removal was considered in an attempt to reduce upstream WSELs. The removal of the bridge in the hydraulic model had no impact on WSELs. This alternative is not recommended.

MS-10 considered constructing a floodwall through the heavily inundated overbanks in the Albany Park neighborhood. The proposed south floodwall runs from Foster Avenue, just east of Pulaski Road, to the Kimball Avenue crossing. The north floodwall runs from the southeastern most point of Eugene Field Park down to the Kimball Avenue crossing. This alternative does raise WSELs outside of the limits of the floodwall for a few hundred feet along the stream centerline; the structures impacted by these increases would be candidates for flood proofing and/or acquisition. The floodwall protects approximately 329 structures from overbank flooding. See Figure 3.4.2a for a conceptual plan of this project. This alternative is recommended.

MS-11 considered constructing a canoe chute/fish passage alteration to the North Branch Dam. A study was performed by the University of Illinois with regard to the design of a canoe chute at the dam. The dam geometry from this study was placed into the DWP hydraulic model to see if it had any positive impact on WSELs. The implementation of the canoe chute causes increases in WSELs, and while it may have merits outside of the scope of this DWP, this alternative is not recommended.

MS-12 considered constructing a new reservoir on the existing Wilmette Golf Course which is located on the east overbank of the Mainstem, just downstream of the confluence of the Middle Fork and Skokie River. Full utilization of the golf course land allows for the construction of a 2,800 acre-ft regional flood control reservoir. The proposed reservoir reduces WSELs as much as 1 foot in some areas and provides partial relief for modeled problem areas MPMS2 and MPMS3. MS-12 makes its biggest impact by helping to relieve the aforementioned Skokie River backwater effect. The reduction of backwater on the Skokie River and Middle Fork, due to this alternative, causes partial relief for modeled problem areas MPSK1, MPSK2, MPSK3, and MPMF6. However, this alternative is not recommended as the most cost effective solution to the overbank flooding in these modeled problem areas.

MS-13 considered a channel modification on the Mainstem from its confluence with the West Fork up to the confluence of the Middle Fork and Skokie River. This alternative attempted to relieve the aforementioned backwater issue at the confluence of the Middle Fork and Skokie River. The channel modification includes widening the existing channel by 70 feet on each side in order to increase conveyance in the area of the WSEL backup. This alternative does reduce WSELs by as much as 0.7 feet in portions of the lower Skokie River and Middle Fork, but it increases downstream WSELs by as much as 0.3 feet in the area of MPMS2. Because MS-13 does have a negative impact on another problem area, the alternative is not recommended as an independent project.

MS-14 considered combining alternatives MS-12 and MS-13 in order to increase positive impact on the Skokie River and Middle fork, while eliminating any net negative impact downstream of the channel modification. This alternative results in WSEL decreases by as much as 1.7 feet and does not cause any increases in WSELs. See Figure 3.4.3a for a conceptual plan of this project. This alternative is recommended as the most cost effective solution to overbank flooding to the modeled problem areas MPMS2, MPMS3, MPSK1, MPSK2, MPSK3, and MPMF6. MS-14 provides the approximate 2,800 ac-ft of storage required to mitigate the aforementioned modeled problem areas; however, the FPDCC and Wilmette Park District have indicated their unwillingness to provide land for this alternative.

Recommended alternatives result in reduced stage and/or flow along the modeled waterway. Table 3.4.13.A provides a comparison of the modeled maximum WSEL and modeled flow at the time of peak at representative locations along the waterway for the recommended alternative MS-14. Tables 3.4.13.B through 3.4.13.D provide a comparison of the modeled maximum WSEL and modeled flow at the time of peak at representative locations along the waterway for the alternatives that are not recommended and are provided for informational purposes only.

A number of properties are at risk of shallow flooding during the 100-year flood event under existing conditions or recommended alternative conditions. In addition, due to their locations, other properties' risk of flooding cannot be feasibly mitigated by structural measures. Such properties are candidates for protection using nonstructural flood control measures, such as flood-proofing or acquisition. These measures may be considered to address damages that are not fully addressed by capital projects recommended in the NBCR DWP.

Table 3.4.13.A provides a comparison of peak flow and stage for existing and proposed conditions for the Albany Park Flood Wall alternative.

TABLE 3.4.13.A
Recommended Alternative MS-10 Existing and Alternative Condition Flow and WSEL Comparison

		Existing Conditions		MS-10	
Location	**Station**	**Max WSEL (ft)**	**Max Flow (cfs)**	**Max WSEL (ft)**	**Max Flow (cfs)**
Mainstem crossing at Edgebrook cart path	27788	605.41	3639	605.52	3623
Mainstem crossing at Edgebrook cart path	26955	605.24	3637	605.36	3622
Mainstem crossing at Central Avenue	23231	604.47	3803	604.64	3782
Mainstem crossing at the Soo-Line RR	20413	603.79	3796	604.00	3777
Mainstem crossing at Forest Glen Avenue	16129	602.61	3791	602.87	3773
Mainstem crossing at I-94	15202	601.74	3815	602.03	3796
Mainstem crossing at Cicero Avenue	14902	601.35	3846	601.66	3827
Mainstem crossing at LaBagh Woods	11312	600.76	3845	601.14	3826
Mainstem crossing at Foster Avenue	8385	599.78	3844	600.30	3826
Mainstem crossing at Pulaski Road	7647	598.86	3896	599.59	3877
Mainstem crossing at Foster Avenue	7278	598.07	3895	599.04	3877
Mainstem crossing at Foster Avenue	6268	597.18	3895	598.43	3880
Mainstem crossing at Ridgeway Avenue	5542	597.14	3895	598.08	3880
Mainstem crossing at Carmen Avenue	4855	596.83	3895	597.66	3880
Mainstem crossing at Central Park Avenue	4448	596.45	3895	597.31	3880

Mainstem crossing at Bernard Street	3322	595.54	3895	595.77	3880
Mainstem crossing at Kimball Avenue	2961	595.02	3895	594.98	3880
Mainstem crossing at Spaulding Avenue	2066	594.26	3895	594.23	3880
Mainstem crossing at Kedzie Avenue	1254	591.75	3895	591.69	3880
Mainstem crossing at Albany Avenue	541	589.73	3715	589.72	3688

Table 3.4.13.B provides a comparison of peak flow and stage for existing and proposed conditions for the Wilmette Golf Course plus channel modification alternative.

TABLE 3.4.13.B
Recommended Alternative MS-14 Existing and Alternative Condition Flow and WSEL Comparison

		Existing Conditions		MS-14	
Location	**Station**	**Max WSEL (ft)**	**Max Flow (cfs)**	**Max WSEL (ft)**	**Max Flow (cfs)**
West Ditch of the Skokie River @ Tower Road	WD 9339	625.72	82	625.72	82
East Ditch of the Skokie River @ Forest Way (1)	ED 13447	624.61	39	623.48	41
East Ditch of the Skokie River @ Tower Road	ED 7000	624.59	39	623.44	42
East Ditch of Skokie River @ Forest Way (2)	ED 500	624.58	36	623.42	39
Skokie River crossing at Willow Road	SK 9266	624.57	746	623.41	1000
Skokie River crossing at Winnetka Road	SK 6467	624.46	840	623.14	1088
Skokie River crossing at I-94	SK 3768	624.33	961	622.87	1069
Skokie River crossing at Happ Road	SK 1618	624.25	953	622.75	1042
Middle Fork crossing at New Willow Road	MF 5932	626.71	1176	626.67	1178
Middle Fork crossing at Winnetka Road	MF 2887	624.40	1091	624.02	1217
West Fork crossing at Long Valley Road	WF 6664	623.06	1588	622.90	1596
West Fork crossing at Golf Road	WF 1977	622.23	1587	621.95	1592
Mainstem crossing at Lake Avenue	MS 77565	623.69	1976	622.00	1882
Mainstem crossing at Golf Road	MS 65959	621.77	1625	621.07	1312
Mainstem crossing at Dempster Street	MS 57266	620.60	3333	620.21	3107
Mainstem crossing at Howard Street	MS 46884	616.92	3544	616.68	3388
Mainstem crossing at Devon Avenue	MS 31366	606.61	3680	606.41	3593
Mainstem crossing at Central Avenue	MS 23231	604.47	3803	604.11	3658
Mainstem crossing at I-94	MS 15202	601.74	3815	601.46	3672
Mainstem crossing at Pulaski Road	MS 7647	598.86	3896	598.54	3764
Mainstem crossing at Central Park Avenue	MS 4448	596.45	3895	596.15	3766
Mainstem crossing at Kedzie Avenue	MS 1254	591.75	3895	591.28	3765

Table 3.4.13.C provides a comparison of peak flow and stage for existing and proposed conditions for the Foster Avenue Tunnel Diversion.

TABLE 3.4.13.C
Non-Recommended Alternative MS-07 Existing and Alternative Condition Flow and WSEL Comparison

		Existing Conditions		MS-07	
Location	Station	Max WSEL (ft)	Max Flow (cfs)	Max WSEL (ft)	Max Flow (cfs)
Mainstem crossing at Foster Avenue	6268	597.18	3895	593.71	1888
Mainstem crossing at Ridgeway Avenue	5542	597.14	3895	593.62	1888
Mainstem crossing at Carmen Avenue	4855	596.83	3895	593.06	1888
Mainstem crossing at Central Park Avenue	4448	596.45	3895	592.72	1888
Mainstem crossing at Bernard Street	3322	595.54	3895	591.89	1768
Mainstem crossing at Kimball Avenue	2961	595.02	3895	591.63	1766
Mainstem crossing at Spaulding Avenue	2066	594.26	3895	590.76	1760
Mainstem crossing at Kedzie Avenue	1254	591.75	3895	589.72	1760
Mainstem crossing at Albany Avenue	541	589.73	3715	589.29	1762

Table 3.4.13.D provides a comparison of peak flow and stage for existing and proposed conditions for the Wilmette Golf Course Reservoir.

TABLE 3.4.13.D
Non-Recommended Alternative MS-12 Existing and Alternative Condition Flow and WSEL Comparison

		Existing Conditions		MS-12	
Location	Station	Max WSEL (ft)	Max Flow (cfs)	Max WSEL (ft)	Max Flow (cfs)
West Ditch of the Skokie River @ Tower Road	WD 9339	625.72	82	625.72	82
East Ditch of the Skokie River @ Forest Way (1)	ED 13447	624.61	39	623.89	39
East Ditch of the Skokie River @ Tower Road	ED 7000	624.59	39	623.86	39
East Ditch of Skokie River @ Forest Way (2)	ED 500	624.58	36	623.85	35
Skokie River crossing at Willow Road	SK 9266	624.57	746	623.84	684
Skokie River crossing at Winnetka Road	SK 6467	624.46	840	623.73	766
Skokie River crossing at I-94	SK 3768	624.33	961	623.60	872
Skokie River crossing at Happ Road	SK 1618	624.25	953	623.54	872
Middle Fork crossing at New Willow Road	MF 5932	626.71	1176	626.68	1179
Middle Fork crossing at Winnetka Road	MF 2887	624.40	1091	624.04	1162

West Fork crossing at Long Valley Road	WF 6664	623.06	1588	622.79	1601
West Fork crossing at Golf Road	WF 1977	622.23	1587	621.76	1594
Mainstem crossing at Lake Avenue	MS 77565	623.69	1976	622.91	1734
Mainstem crossing at Golf Road	MS 65959	621.77	1625	620.92	1138
Mainstem crossing at Dempster Street	MS 57266	620.60	3333	619.98	2980
Mainstem crossing at Howard Street	MS 46884	616.92	3544	616.54	3294
Mainstem crossing at Devon Avenue	MS 31366	606.61	3680	606.32	3541
Mainstem crossing at Central Avenue	MS 23231	604.47	3803	603.91	3577
Mainstem crossing at I-94	MS 15202	601.74	3815	601.31	3590
Mainstem crossing at Pulaski Road	MS 7647	598.86	3896	598.37	3690
Mainstem crossing at Central Park Avenue	MS 4448	596.45	3895	596.01	3693
Mainstem crossing at Kedzie Avenue	MS 1254	591.75	3895	591.03	3692

3.4.3.6 Data Required for Countywide Prioritization of Watershed Projects

Appendix I presents conceptual level cost estimates for alternatives studied in detail. Table 3.4.14 lists the alternatives analyzed in detail; however, only alternatives MS-10 and MS-14 are recommended and the other alternatives are provided for informational purposes only. Figures 3.4.2a, 3.4.2b, 3.4.3a, and 3.4.3b show a comparison of existing conditions to alternative conditions 100 year inundation mapping with the implementation of alternatives MS-10, MS-07, MS-14, and MS-12, respectively.

TABLE 3.4.14
Mainstem Project Alternative Matrix to Support District CIP Prioritization

Project	Description	B/C Ratio	Net Benefits ($)	Total Project Cost ($)	Cumulative Structures Protected	Water Quality Benefit	Recommended	Communities Involved
MS-07	Construct 18 ft diameter tunnel diversion from Foster Rd and Pulaski Rd to Foster Rd and the North Shore Channel	0.47	25,920,000	55,702,000	336	No Impact	No	Chicago
MS-10[1]	Construct floodwall through Albany Park Neighborhood	1.51	24,746,000	16,402,000	329	No Impact	Yes	Chicago
MS-12	Construct new reservoir at Wilmette Public Golf Course	0.24	53,239,000	223,725,000	765	Slightly Positive	No	Chicago, Niles, Morton Grove, Golf, Glenview, Wilmette, Northfield, Unincorporated Cook County, Winnetka
MS-14[2]	Construct new reservoir at Wilmette Public Golf Course along with channel widening from Middle Fork to West Fork	0.25	64,431,000	260,121,000	1,153	Slightly Positive	Yes	Chicago, Niles, Morton Grove, Golf, Glenview, Wilmette, Northfield, Unincorporated Cook County, Winnetka

1 - The City of Chicago has expressed a preference for Alternative MS-07, which is described in Section 3.4.3.5. Alternative MS-10 yields a higher B/C ratio and was therefore selected as the recommended alternative for the DWP. The City of Chicago supports Alternative MS-07 in lieu of Alternative MS-10 because the tunnel would reduce flooding without buyouts, relocations, or construction of a wall through the Albany Park neighborhood.
2 - MS-14 project's total benefits includes benefits to the Middle Fork, Skokie River, and Main Stem NBCR subwatersheds. FPDCC and Wilmette Park District have indicated their unwillingness to provide land for this alternative.

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3.5 North Shore Channel

The NSC, a constructed tributary in the NBCR watershed, enters the Main Stem of the NBCR near Albany Avenue in Chicago, has a stream length of 7.7 miles and a drainage area of 25 square miles. Table 3.5.1 summarizes the land area of communities within the NSC subwatershed. The NSC subwatershed consists primarily of residential areas. Table 3.5.2 summarizes the land use distribution within the NSC.

TABLE 3.5.1
Communities Draining to the North Shore Channel

Community/Tributary	Tributary Area (mi^2)
Skokie	8.68
Chicago	7.11
Evanston	4.91
Lincolnwood	2.68
Wilmette	1.32
Niles	0.28
Morton Grove	0.03

Figure 3.5.1 shows an overview of the tributary area of the NSC subwatershed. Reported stormwater problem areas, flood inundation areas, and proposed alternative projects are also shown and discussed in the following subsections.

TABLE 3.5.2
Land Use Distribution for the North Shore Channel

Land Use Category	Area (acres)	%
Residential	10,150	63.0
Commercial/Industrial	2,688	16.7
Forest/Open Land	1,741	10.8
Institutional	870	5.4
Transportation/Utility	563	3.5
Water/Wetland	83	0.5
Agricultural	13	0.1

3.5.1 Sources of Data

3.5.1.1 Previous Studies

The NSC was modeled in HEC-RAS by the USACE as part of their larger CAWS model. This model was utilized as part of the NBCR DWP development.

3.5.1.2 Water Quality Data

The IEPA has seven Ambient Water Quality Monitoring Network sites on the NSC. Two reaches of the NSC are identified as impaired in the IEPA's 2008 Integrated Water Quality Report, which includes the CWA 303(d) and 305(b). The NSC reach IL_HCCA-02 is listed as impaired for Nickel, Dissolved Oxygen, Phosphorous (Total), Zinc, Polychlorinated biphenyls, and Fecal Coliform. NSC reach IL_HCCA-04 is listed as impaired for Mercury and Polychlorinated biphenyls. No TMDLs have been established for the North Shore Channel. According to a water permit discharge query by the),USEPA, there are six NPDES permits issued by IEPA to MWRDGC-North Side WWTP in Skokie, Evanston CSOs, Lincolnwood CSOs, Niles CSOs, Wilmette CSOs, and Chicago CSOs for discharges to the NSC. Municipalities discharging to the NSC are regulated by IEPA's NPDES Phase II Stormwater Permit Program, which was instituted to improve water quality by requiring that municipalities develop six minimum control measures for limiting runoff pollution to receiving systems.

3.5.1.3 Wetland and Riparian Areas

Figures 2.3.6 and 2.3.7 contain mapping of wetland and riparian areas in the NBCR Watershed. Wetland areas were identified using NWI mapping. NWI data includes approximately 83 acres of wetland areas in the NSC tributary area. Riparian areas are defined as vegetated areas between aquatic and upland ecosystems adjacent to a waterway or body of water that provides flood management, habitat, and water quality enhancement. Identified riparian environments offer potential opportunities for restoration.

3.5.1.4 Floodplain Mapping

Flood inundation areas supporting the NFIP were revised in 2008 as a part of FEMA's Map Modernization Program. Floodplain boundaries were revised based upon updated Cook County topographic information, but the effective models used to estimate flood levels generally were not updated. LOMRs were incorporated in the revised floodplains. The NSC is mapped as a FEMA Zone A floodplain, determined by approximate methods; therefore, no documented effective FIS H&H analysis was performed on the North Shore Channel.

Appendix A includes a comparison of FEMA's effective floodplain mapping from updated DFIRM panels with inundation areas developed for the DWP.

3.5.1.5 Stormwater Problem Data

Table 3.5.3 summarizes reported problem areas reviewed as a part of the DWP development. The problem area data was obtained primarily from Form B questionnaire response data provided by watershed communities, agencies, and stakeholders to the District. Problems are classified in Table 3.5.3 as regional or local. This classification is based on a process described in Section 1 of this report.

3.5.1.6 Near-Term Planned Projects

Watershed communities, agencies, and stakeholders were asked about near-term planned projects so that the implementation of near-term flood control projects by others is considered in development of the DWP. Several studies are currently underway in the NSC Subwatershed; however, no near-term planned flood control projects by others have been identified in the NSC subwatershed.

TABLE 3.5.3
Community Response Data for the North Shore Channel

Problem ID[1]	Municipality	Problems as Reported by Local Agency	Location	Problem Description	Local/ Regional	Resolution in DWP
CH-FL-41	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Route 94 at Peterson/Caldwell Avenue	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
CH-FL-42	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Route 94 at US Route 14	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
CH-FL-43	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Devon Avenue at 2750 Devon Avenue	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
EV-FL-02	City of Evanston	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Various locations in Evanston	Map of the pavement flooding for the September 2008 storm.	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
EV-FL-03	City of Evanston	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Various locations in Evanston	Map of the basement flooding for the September 2008 storm.	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
LW-FL-01	Village of Lincolnwood	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Various locations throughout the Village of Lincolnwood	Basement flooding/ponding/water quality pollution. Sewer/floor drain back ups, street flooding, overland flooding entering through window wells, etc. Insufficient capacity of combined sewer system.	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.

TABLE 3.5.3
Community Response Data for the North Shore Channel

Problem ID[1]	Municipality	Problems as Reported by Local Agency	Location	Problem Description	Local/ Regional	Resolution in DWP
LW-FL-02	Village of Lincolnwood	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Route 94 (Edens) at Pratt Avenue	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
LW-FL-03	Village of Lincolnwood	Intracommunity (local) flooding	US Route 41 at Crawford Avenue	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
LW-FL-04	Village of Lincolnwood	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Touhy Avenue at Crawford Avenue	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
LW-WQ-05	Village of Lincolnwood	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Village of Lincolnwood	Basement flooding/ponding/water quality pollution. Sewer/floor drain back ups, street flooding, overland flooding entering through window wells, etc. Insufficient capacity of combined sewer system.	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
SK-FL-12	Village of Skokie, Village of Lincolnwood	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Route 94 (Edens) at Touhy Avenue (NB & SB)	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
SK-FL-13	Village of Skokie, Village of Lincolnwood	Intracommunity (local) flooding		IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.

TABLE 3.5.3
Community Response Data for the North Shore Channel

Problem ID[1]	Municipality	Problems as Reported by Local Agency	Location	Problem Description	Local/ Regional	Resolution in DWP
SK-FL-14	Village of Skokie, City of Evanston	Intracommunity (local) flooding	McCormick Boulevard at Emerson Street	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
LW-FL-06	City of Chicago, Village of Lincolnwood	Intracommunity (local) flooding	McCormick Boulevard at Devon Avenue (50 ft north)	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
EV-FL-04	Village of Skokie, City of Evanston	Intracommunity (local) flooding	McCormick Boulevard at Golf Road (1/4 mile N/O)	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
EV-FL-05	City of Evanston	Intracommunity (local) flooding	McCormick Boulevard at Bridge Street (Northwest Corner)	IDOT Pavement flooding	Local	
SK-FL-15	Village of Skokie, City of Evanston	Intracommunity (local) flooding	McCormick Boulevard at Oakton Street (S/O)	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
SK-FL-16	Village of Skokie, City of Evanston	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Crawford Avenue at N/O Golf Road	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.

TABLE 3.5.3
Community Response Data for the North Shore Channel

Problem ID[1]	Municipality	Problems as Reported by Local Agency	Location	Problem Description	Local/ Regional	Resolution in DWP
SK-FL-07	Village of Skokie	Intracommunity (local) flooding	US Route 41 at Skokie Swift (S/O Oakton Street)	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
SK-FL-08	Village of Skokie	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Church Road at Central Park (construction zone)	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
SK-FL-09	Village of Skokie	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Church Street at E/O US Route 41 (Skokie Boulevard)	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
SK-FL-10	Village of Skokie	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Skokie	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.

[1] All Problem IDs begin with NB-NSCH- as all problems are within the North Branch – North Shore Channel subwatershed.

3.5.2 Watershed Analysis

3.5.2.1 Hydrologic Model Development

The North Shore Channel tributary area was hydrologically modeled by the USACE CAWS model. No DWP hydrologic model was generated for the North Shore Channel subwatershed.

3.5.2.2 Hydraulic Model Development

The North Shore Channel was hydraulically modeled by the USACE CAWS model. No DWP hydraulic model was generated for the North Shore Channel.

3.5.3 Development and Evaluation of Alternatives

There were no regional problem areas reported or identified through the USACE CAWS model of the North Shore Channel; therefore, no alternatives were developed for this subwatershed.

3.6 Mainstem of the NBCR Downstream of the North Branch Dam

The Mainstem of the NBCR downstream of the North Branch Dam (Mainstem Downstream) has a stream length of 9.0 miles and a drainage area of 38.5 square miles. Table 3.6.1 summarizes the land area of communities within the Mainstem Downstream subwatershed. The Mainstem Downstream subwatershed consists primarily of residential and commercial/industrial areas. Table 3.6.2 summarizes the land use distribution within the Mainstem Downstream.

TABLE 3.6.1
Communities Draining to the Mainstem Downstream

Community/Tributary	Tributary Area (mi^2)
Chicago	37.33
Norridge	0.56
Harwood Heights	0.38
Unincorporated	0.21

TABLE 3.6.2
Land Use Distribution for the Mainstem Downstream

Land Use Category	Area (acres)	%
Residential	15,360	62.4
Commercial/Industrial	5,818	23.6
Forest/Open Land	1,459	5.9
Institutional	1,178	4.8
Transportation/Utility	640	2.6
Water/Wetland	179	0.7
Agricultural	0	0.0

Figure 3.6.1 shows an overview of the tributary area of the Mainstem Downstream subwatershed. Reported stormwater problem areas, flood inundation areas, and proposed alternative projects are also shown and discussed in the following subsections.

3.6.1 Sources of Data

3.6.1.1 Previous Studies

The Mainstem Downstream was modeled in HEC-RAS by the USACE as part of their larger CAWS model. This model was utilized as part of the NBCR DWP development.

3.6.1.2 Water Quality Data

See DWP Section 3.4.1.2 for water quality data related to the Mainstem downstream of the North Branch Dam.

3.6.1.3 Wetland and Riparian Areas

Figures 2.3.6 and 2.3.7 contain mapping of wetland and riparian areas in the NBCR Watershed. Wetland areas were identified using NWI mapping. NWI data includes approximately 83 acres of wetland areas in the Mainstem upstream and downstream of the North Branch Dam tributary area. Riparian areas are defined as vegetated areas between aquatic and upland ecosystems adjacent to a waterway or body of water that provides flood management, habitat, and water quality enhancement. Identified riparian environments offer potential opportunities for restoration.

3.6.1.4 Floodplain Mapping

Flood inundation areas supporting the NFIP were revised in 2008 as a part of FEMA's Map Modernization Program. Floodplain boundaries were revised based upon updated Cook County topographic information, but the effective models used to estimate flood levels generally were not updated. LOMRs were incorporated in the revised floodplains. The Mainstem downstream of the North Branch dam is mapped as a FEMA Zone A floodplain, determined by approximate methods; therefore, no documented effective FIS H&H analysis was performed on the Mainstem downstream of the North Branch dam.

Appendix A includes a comparison of FEMA's effective floodplain mapping from updated DFIRM panels with inundation areas developed for the DWP.

3.6.1.5 Stormwater Problem Data

Table 3.6.3 summarizes reported problem areas reviewed as a part of the DWP development. The problem area data was obtained primarily from Form B questionnaire response data provided by watershed communities, agencies, and stakeholders to the District. Problems are classified in Table 3.6.3 as regional or local. This classification is based on a process described in Section 1 of this report.

3.6.1.6 Near-Term Planned Projects

Watershed communities, agencies, and stakeholders were asked about near-term planned projects so that the implementation of near-term flood control projects by others is considered in development of the DWP. Several studies are currently underway in the Mainstem Downstream Subwatershed; however, no near-term planned flood control projects by others have been identified in the Mainstem Downstream Subwatershed.

TABLE 3.6.3
Community Response Data for the Mainstem Downstream

Problem ID[1]	Municipality	Problems as Reported by Local Agency	Location	Problem Description	Local/ Regional	Resolution in DWP
CH-FL-01	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Citywide	Basement flooding, storm water sewer flow restriction. City sewer improvements are often focused towards areas of the most complaints.	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
CH-FL-02	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Illinois Route 19 at Ravenswood Parkway (both sides)	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
CH-FL-03	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Route 90/94 at California Avenue	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
CH-FL-04	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Route 90/94 at Edens Junction (Montrose to Wilson)	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
CH-FL-05	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Route 90/94 at Addison Street (NWB & SEB)	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
CH-FL-06	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Route 90/94 at Fullerton Avenue	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.

TABLE 3.6.3
Community Response Data for the Mainstem Downstream

Problem ID[1]	Municipality	Problems as Reported by Local Agency	Location	Problem Description	Local/ Regional	Resolution in DWP
CH-FL-07	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Route 90/94 at Ogden Avenue	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
CH-FL-08	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Route 90/94 at Augusta Blvd (Lane 3) NB	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
CH-FL-09	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Route 90/94 at Illinois Route 50 (Cicero Ave) Lane 3	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
CH-FL-10	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Route 90/94 at Damen Avenue (Lane 1) NB	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
CH-FL-11	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Route 90/94 at Division Street	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
CH-FL-12	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Route 90/94 at Illinois Route 64 (North Ave) Lane 1 NB	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.

TABLE 3.6.3
Community Response Data for the Mainstem Downstream

Problem ID[1]	Municipality	Problems as Reported by Local Agency	Location	Problem Description	Local/ Regional	Resolution in DWP
CH-FL-13	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Route 90/94 at Diversey Avenue	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
CH-FL-14	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Route 90/94 at Kimball (Exit 4)	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
CH-FL-15	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Route 90/94 at Ashland Avenue (Lane 1) NB	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
CH-FL-16	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Route 90/94 at Montrose Avenue	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
CH-FL-17	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Route 90/94 at Kostner Avenue	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
CH-FL-18	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Route 90/94 at Logan Boulevard	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.

TABLE 3.6.3
Community Response Data for the Mainstem Downstream

Problem ID[1]	Municipality	Problems as Reported by Local Agency	Location	Problem Description	Local/ Regional	Resolution in DWP
CH-FL-19	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Route 90/94 at Armitage Avenue (Lane 1) NB	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
CH-FL-20	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Route 90/94 at Illinois Route 19 (Irving Park Rd) Lane 1 SB	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
CH-FL-21	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Route 90/94 at Pulaski Road entrance ramp	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
CH-FL-22	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Route 90/94 at Willow Street (W/O)	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
CH-FL-23	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Interstate Route 94 (Edens) at Wilson Road (N/O Kennedy)	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
CH-FL-24	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Illinois Route 43 at Illinois Route 72 (Higgins Rd) Lane 2	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.

TABLE 3.6.3
Community Response Data for the Mainstem Downstream

Problem ID[1]	Municipality	Problems as Reported by Local Agency	Location	Problem Description	Local/ Regional	Resolution in DWP
CH-FL-25	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Lawrence Avenue at C, M & St. Paul Road (viaduct) W/O I-94	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
CH-FL-26	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Lawrence Avenue at Milwaukee Avenue	IDOT Pavement Flooding	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.
CH-FL-27	City of Chicago	Intracommunity (local) flooding	Citywide	Basement flooding, storm sewer flow restriction, water quality (pollution). The City sewer improvements are often focused towards areas of the most complaints.	Local	Problem not located on a regional waterway. This is a local storm sewer system problem.

[1] All Problem IDs begin with NB-NBCU- as all problems are within the North Branch – Downstream of the North Branch Dam subwatershed.

3.6.2 Watershed Analysis

3.6.2.1 Hydrologic Model Development

The Mainstem Downstream tributary area was hydrologically modeled by the USACE CAWS model. No DWP hydrologic model was generated for the Mainstem Downstream subwatershed.

3.6.2.2 Hydraulic Model Development

The Mainstem Downstream was hydraulically modeled by the USACE CAWS model. No DWP hydraulic model was generated for the Mainstem Downstream.

3.6.3 Development and Evaluation of Alternatives

There were no regional problem areas reported or identified through the USACE CAWS model of the Mainstem Downstream, so no alternatives were developed for this subwatershed.

3.7 Lake Michigan Watershed

The LM watershed has a series of eight ravines within Cook County, with a total stream length of 5.3 miles and a drainage area of 15.1 square miles. Table 3.7.1 summarizes the land area of communities within the LM watershed. The LM watershed consists primarily of residential areas. Table 3.7.2 summarizes the land use distribution within the Lake Michigan Watershed.

TABLE 3.7.1
Communities Draining to Lake Michigan Watershed

Community/Tributary	Tributary Area (mi^2)
Chicago	7.85
Evanston	2.60
Glencoe	1.82
Winnetka	1.36
Wilmette	0.86
Kenilworth	0.60

Figures 3.7.1a and 3.7.1b shows an overview of the tributary area of the Lake Michigan Watershed. Reported stormwater problem areas, flood inundation areas, and proposed alternative projects are also shown and discussed in the following subsections.

TABLE 3.7.2
Land Use Distribution for Lake Michigan Watershed

Land Use Category	Area (acres)	%
Residential	5,907	60.7
Forest/Open Land	1,536	15.8
Commercial/Industrial	1,312	13.5
Institutional	621	6.4
Transportation/Utility	288	3.0
Water/Wetland	64	0.7
Agricultural	0	0.0

3.7.1 Sources of Data

3.7.1.1 Previous Studies

The Lake Michigan Watershed has no known previous studies for use in DWP H&H modeling.

3.7.1.2 Water Quality Data

The IEPA has two Ambient Water Quality Monitoring Network sites for the LM Watershed. Fourteen locations along the shore of LM, including locations in Cook County, are identified as impaired in the IEPA's 2008 Integrated Water Quality Report, which includes the CWA 303(d) and 305(b) lists. No TMDLs have been established for LM. According to a water permit discharge query by the USEPA, there are six NPDES permits issued by IEPA to Chicago South WTP, Chicago-Jardine Water Plant, McCormick Place West Hall, Metro Pier & Expo Authority, Northwestern University Central Utility Plant, and Winnetka Electric Plant for discharges to LM. Municipalities discharging to LM are regulated by IEPA's NPDES Phase II Stormwater Permit Program, which was instituted to improve water quality by requiring that municipalities develop six minimum control measures for limiting runoff pollution to receiving systems.

3.7.1.3 Wetland and Riparian Areas

Figures 2.3.6 and 2.3.7 contain mapping of wetland and riparian areas in the NBCR Watershed. Wetland areas were identified using NWI mapping. NWI data includes approximately 64 acres of wetland areas in the Lake Michigan tributary area. Riparian areas are defined as vegetated areas between aquatic and upland ecosystems adjacent to a waterway or body of water that provides flood management, habitat, and water quality enhancement. Identified riparian environments offer potential opportunities for restoration.

3.7.1.4 Floodplain Mapping

FIRMs were obtained from FEMA for the northern Cook County portion of the Lake Michigan Watershed. A review of the maps showed that there are no mapped floodplains except for Lake Michigan.

For Lake Michigan, the USACE developed a storm surge-elevation-frequency relationship based on stillwater elevations due to tide and wind setup to determine the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) for the lake. Wave action was not included in the analysis. The BFE, also known as the 100-year annual chance flood elevation, is 585.0 feet, according to the NAVD 88, along the entire shoreline within Cook County.

3.7.1.5 Stormwater Problem Data

Table 3.7.3 summarizes reported problem areas reviewed as a part of the DWP development. The problem area data was obtained primarily from Form B questionnaire response data provided by watershed communities, agencies, and stakeholders to the District. Problems are classified in Table 3.7.3 as regional or local. This classification is based on a process described in Section 1 of this report.

3.7.1.6 Near-Term Planned Projects

Watershed communities, agencies, and stakeholders were asked about near-term planned projects so that the implementation of near-term flood control projects by others is considered in development of the DWP. Several studies are currently underway in the LM watershed; however, no near-term planned flood control projects by others have been identified in the LM watershed.

TABLE 3.7.3
Community Response Data for the Lake Michigan Watershed

Problem ID[1]	Municipality	Problems as Reported by Local Agency	Location	Problem Description	Local/ Regional	Resolution in DWP
EV-SM-01	Village of Evanston	Streambank erosion on intracommunity waterways	Lake Michigan Beachfront	Erosion at outfall at beach - maintenance	Local	Erosion problem not immediately threatening structure. Not addressed by DWP
GC-EL-01	Village of Glencoe	Streambank erosion on intracommunity waterways	Ravines	Erosion in ravines	Local	Erosion problem not immediately threatening structure. Not addressed by DWP
KW-SM-01	Village of Kenilworth	Stream maintenance	Green Bay Road at Metra North Line	48" culvert silted up and deteriorating - no flooding	Local	Maintenance activities recommended in Section 4.
KW-SM-02	Village of Kenilworth	Stream maintenance	Sheridan Road, North of Kenilworth Ave	Concrete pad surrounding MWRD interceptor is cracked and deteriorating	Local	Maintenance activities recommended in Section 4.
WK-ER-01	Village of Winnetka, Glencoe	Streambank erosion on intercommunity waterways	Lake Michigan Waterfront	Bluff erosion	Regional	Erosion problem not immediately threatening structure. Not addressed by DWP
WK-EL-03	Village of Winnetka	Streambank erosion on intracommunity waterways	Ravines	General streambank erosion	Local	Erosion problem not immediately threatening structure. Not addressed by DWP

[1] All Problem IDs begin with LM- as all problems are within the Lake Michigan watershed.

3.7.2 Watershed Analysis

3.7.2.1 Hydrologic Model Development

Subbasin Delineation. The Lake Michigan ravine subbasins were delineated based upon LiDAR topographic data developed by Cook County in 2003. Table 3.7.4 below displays the results of the subbasin delineations. Based MWRDGC's CCSMP requirement that H&H modeling be performed for all subbasins greater than 0.5 square miles in area and the results from Table 3.7.3, Ravine 1 was the only reach modeled in the Lake Michigan Watershed.

TABLE 3.7.4
Lake Michigan Ravine Subbasin Areas within Cook County

Ravine Number	Area, acres (mi^2)
1	415 (0.648)
2	150 (0.234)
3	28 (0.044)
4	175 (0.273)
5	194 (0.303)
6	31 (0.048)
7	44 (0.069)
8	185 (0.289)[1]

[1] Tributary area of Ravine #8 within Cook County.

Hydrologic Parameter Calculations. CNs were estimated for each subbasin based upon NRCS soil data and 2001 CMAP land use data. This method is further described in Section 1.3.2, with lookup values for specific combinations of land use and soil data presented in Appendix C. An area-weighted average of the CN was generated for each subbasin. Using SCS unit hydrograph methodology, the lag time, used to convert excess precipitation into a runoff hydrograph, was assumed to be 0.6 times the time of concentration for all subbasins. The time of concentration, or time of travel from the hydrologically most distant part of the subbasin, was estimated by using standard procedures assuming a length of sheet flow, shallow concentrated flow, and channel flow. In some instances, modification to parameter estimates was necessary to more accurately characterize very flat or heavily sewered subwatersheds. Appendix G provides a summary of the hydrologic parameters used for subbasins in each subwatershed.

3.7.2.2 Hydraulic Model Development

Field Data, Investigation, and Existing Model Data. No hydraulic models that met the District criteria for use in the DWP, as identified in Section 6.3.3.2 of the CCSMP, were available for DWP development. Cross-sectional geometry of Ravine #1 was obtained solely from Cook County topographic data. Field visits were performed to assess channel and overbank roughness characteristics, which were combined with information from photographs and aerial photography to assign modeled Manning's n roughness coefficients along the modeled stream length.

Initial attempts to model Ravine 1 were performed using unsteady state analysis. After setting up the HEC-RAS model geometry and several attempts to execute the model, it became apparent that unsteady state analysis would not be feasible for this ravine. Ravine 1 has steep slopes combined with low Manning's n values, which results in high velocity, super critical flow. The HEC-RAS unsteady state analysis does not execute under supercritical conditions. Therefore, modeling analysis was successfully performed using the HEC-RAS steady state analysis with a supercritical flow regime specified.

Boundary Conditions. The downstream boundary condition for Ravine 1 is its outfall at Lake Michigan. The maximum existing conditions 100 year WSEL at this outfall is approximately 585.0 feet in vertical elevation datum NAVD 88.

3.7.2.3 Calibration and Verification

Lake Michigan Ravine 1 does not have stream gages to monitor flow and stage along the ravine and historical high water elevations were not available; therefore, this hydraulic model was unable to be calibrated and verified.

3.7.2.4 Existing Conditions Evaluation

Flood Inundation Areas. Figure 3.7.1a shows inundation areas produced by the hydraulic model for the 100-year, 24-hour duration design storm for Ravine 1.

Hydraulic Profiles. Appendix H contains hydraulic profiles of existing conditions in Lake Michigan Ravine 1. Profiles are shown for the 2-, 5-, 10-, 25-, 50-, 100-, and 500-year recurrence interval design storms.

3.7.3 Development and Evaluation of Alternatives

The one regional erosion problem reported for the Lake Michigan watershed, bluff erosion along the Lake Michigan waterfront, was investigated. No active bluff erosion was identified within 30 feet of existing infrastructure; therefore, no regional erosion stabilization project was recommended as part of this DWP.

No additional regional flood control problem areas were reported or identified through modeling of Lake Michigan Ravine 1; therefore, no flood control alternatives were developed for this watershed.

4. Watershed Action Plan

This section summarizes the DWP recommendations. The recommendations and supporting information will be considered by the District's Board of Commissioners in their prioritization of a countywide Stormwater CIP. The recommendations within the DWP consist of maintenance activities (Section 4.1) and recommended capital improvements (Section 4.2).

4.1 Watershed Maintenance Activities

Review of reported stormwater problem data indicated that certain types of maintenance activities would be helpful in preventing these stormwater problems. The District, through its maintenance activities, has been actively removing blockages such as tree limbs and woody debris from channels throughout Cook County. Local communities have reported benefits from these maintenance activities. It is recommended that the District maintenance activities be continued to address ongoing future maintenance needs.

Dredging of stream channels was investigated as part of the DWP. While dredging is considered a watershed maintenance activity, extensive re-grading and shaping of the stream channel would be required with this activity. Additionally, dredging limits proved difficult to establish both along the stream centerline and channel depth. Dredging of the stream channel would require a downstream tie-in location to match existing stream bed elevations. The extremely flat stream bed profiles on all watershed stream reaches makes matching existing stream bed elevations impractical. Additionally, dredging depths are difficult to establish due to limited historical data on original stream bed elevations and, thus, rely solely on approximations of dredging depths. In general, minor dredging operations in localized areas will provide little to no improvement to conveyance, particularly during larger storm events where additional storage or channel modifications would be required to significantly reduce water surface elevations. Due to the aforementioned reasons as well as dredging being considered a maintenance activity that would provide only temporary benefits to localized areas, dredging is not recommended as a regional stormwater management solution.

Sedimentation is a dynamic process that is affected by soil protective measures taken in upland tributary areas and changing streambank conditions. The District's Watershed Management Ordinance will define standard practices for erosion protection on construction sites. Best management practices in upland areas should be paired with stream maintenance measures to reduce sediment delivered to waterways to reduce the need for extensive dredging programs.

Stormwater improvement projects recommended in the NBCR and LM DWP including detention basins, channel diversions, or erosion control armoring will require ongoing maintenance after construction. Costs associated with maintenance over a 50-year life-cycle period were included in cost estimates. It is recommended that the District develop maintenance plans for capital improvements, and where applicable, execute agreements with local governments that delegate certain maintenance responsibilities. It is intended that maintenance agreements will follow current District practice, where the District is responsible for operation and maintenance of structural, electrical, and mechanical facilities and grounds are the responsibility of partnering organizations.

Table 4.1.1 lists all problem area locations where standard stream maintenance activities are recommended including debris and blockage removal, removal of silt from culverts, and removal of sediment from stream channels.

TABLE 4.1.1
Summary of Problem Areas where Debris Removal or Other Maintenance is Recommended

Problem Area ID	Tributary	Location	Type of Maintenance Activity Required
LM-EV-SM-01	Lake Michigan	Beachfront Outfalls in City of Evanston	Remove debris and clear outfalls of sedimentation
LM-KW-SM-01	Lake Michigan	48" culvert located under Green Bay Road and Metra North Line just south of intersection of Roger Avenue/Sterling Road/Green Bay Road in Kenilworth	Remove debris and clear 48" culvert of sedimentation
NB-NVDN-GV-SM-04	North Navy Ditch	North Navy Ditch from John's Drive to confluence with West Fork in Glenview	Remove debris and blockages along channel
NB-NVDS-GV-SM-07	South Navy Ditch	South Navy Ditch from Lehigh Road to confluence with West Fork in Glenview	Remove debris and blockages along channel
NB-WFNB-GV-SM-10	West Fork	Techny 32C Reservoir Spillway in Glenview	Remove debris and siltation along spillway and repair spillway
NB-WFNB-GV-SM-25	West Fork	West Fork from Willow Road to Chestnut Avenue in Glenview	Remove debris and clear channel
NB-WFNB-NB-SM-16	West Fork	Accumulation of debris at CCHD's structure number 016-3234	Remove debris and clear channel

4.2 Recommended Capital Improvements

Table 4.2.1 lists all recommended improvements for the NBCR and LM DWP. The District will use data presented here to support prioritization of a countywide stormwater CIP.

4.3 Implementation Plan

In general, alternatives listed in Table 4.2.1 can be constructed independently. One exception to this independence of alternatives is SR-08 and MS-14. SR-08 is an alternative targeted specifically for overbank flooding only at I-94 and Winnetka Road, while MS-14 addresses overbank flooding of I-94 at Winnetaka Road, Willow Road, and Skokie River crossing, and provides additional benefits along the Middle Fork, Skokie, and Mainstem reaches; therefore, the SR-08 alternative is only recommended if MS-14 is not implemented. Furthermore, because of the interaction of impacts between alternatives, the benefits associated with constructing several alternatives in a reach or subwatershed may exceed the sum of the benefits of the individual alternatives, or vice versa.

The data presented in Table 4.2.1, along with noneconomic factors, will allow the District to prioritize its CIP and to implement projects. A number of alternatives in Table 4.2.1 require the acquisition of land that currently may be unavailable. It is recommended that upon selecting an alternative for implementation, the District identify land acquisition needs and procedures. For example, the enabling legislation (70 ILCS 2605/7h (g)) for the District's stormwater management program states "the District shall not use Cook County Forest Preserve District land for stormwater or flood control projects without the consent of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (FPDCC)"; therefore proposed projects involving FPDCC property cannot be implemented without FPDCC's permission. The District will work collaboratively with FPDCC to develop multi-objective projects beneficial to both agencies along with our constituents and also consistent with our individual missions.

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TABLE 4.2.1
NBCR and LM Watersheds' Prioritization Matrix

Project	B/C Ratio	Total Benefits ($)	Total Project Cost ($)	Probable Construction Cost ($)	Relative Damage Averted 25% 50% 75%	Acreage Removed from Inundation Area	Wetland or Riparian Areas Impacted (acres)	Cumulative Structures Protected	Implementation Time (months)[1]	Water Quality Benefit	Communities Involved
WF-03	0.77	$1,550,000	$2,022,000	$1,097,000		N/A	-	3	18	Slightly Positive	Metra and Northbrook
WF-06	1.26	$146,484,000	$116,088,000	$87,422,000		137	5	216	48	Slightly Positive	Northbrook Park District, Northbrook, Glenview, Golf, Unincorp. Cook Co.
MF-04	0.12	$178,000	$1,495,000	$736,000		5	3	4	12	No Impact	Forest Preserve District of Cook County (FPDCC), Northbrook, Unincorp. Cook Co.
MF-06	4.59	$7,391,000	$1,610,000	$873,000		N/A	-	7	18	Slightly Positive	Northfield
MF-07	1.65	$1,600,000	$971,000	$526,000		N/A	-	3	18	Slightly Positive	Northfield
SR-08[2]	1.35	$7,760,000	$5,761,000	$3,512,000		11	3	0	18	No Impact	Northfield, IDOT, FPDCC, Cook County Highway Department
MS-10[3]	1.51	$24,746,000	$16,402,000	$4,176,000		40	6	329	36	No Impact	Chicago, Chicago Park District, FPDCC, Private Property Owners
MS-14[4]	0.25	$64,431,000	$260,121,000	$185,117,000		1,051	90	1,153	60	Slightly Positive	Wilmette Park District, Wilmette, FPDCC, Glenview

1 - Implementation time includes anticipated construction timeframes. Additional time will be required for land acquisition, permitting, and design activities.

2 - SR-08 project addresses overbank flooding of the Skokie River near I-94 (Edens Expressway) and Winnetka Road. For purposes of benefit calculation for SR-08, no other temporary closure of I-94 due to overbank flooding is assumed.

3 - The City of Chicago has expressed a preference for Alternative MS-07, which is described in Section 3.4.3.5. Alternative MS-10 yields a higher B/C ratio and was therefore selected as the recommended alternative for the DWP.

4 - MS-14 project's total benefits includes benefits to the Middle Fork, Skokie River, and Main Stem NBCR subwatersheds. FPDCC and Wilmette Park District have indicated their unwillingness to provide land for this alternative.

Property Damage
Erosion
Transportation
Recreation

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5. Summary and Conclusions

The NBCR and LM DWP were developed in coordination with the North Branch of the Chicago River WPC. The coordination focused on integrating community knowledge of stormwater problems and ideas for feasible solutions into the District's regional stormwater plan. All stormwater problem data received from stakeholders was recorded in a spatial database, and classified as local or regional according to the criteria defined in Section 1. Hydrologic and hydraulic models were developed to estimate flow and stage along regional waterways and assess the frequency and depth of flooding problems for a range of modeled recurrence intervals. Inundation mapping was developed for the 2-, 5-, 10-, 25-, 50-, 100-year, and 500-year modeled storm events, identifying areas estimated to be at risk of flooding. Modeled water depths and inundation mapping were used to help estimate damages due to flooding within each tributary.

Stormwater improvements were developed to address regional problems throughout the NBCR watershed. Appropriate tributary-specific technologies were screened considering their applicability for addressing problem areas, constructability in the area required, and regulatory feasibility. H&H models were modified to represent possible future conditions. Damage estimates for proposed alternatives were performed to evaluate the alternative's effectiveness at reducing regional stormwater damages. The difference in damages between existing and alternative conditions was quantified as the alternative's benefit. In addition to numeric (monetary) benefits, several other criteria were noted for each alternative, such as the number of structures protected, water-quality benefit, and wetland/riparian areas affected. Conceptual level opinions of probable costs were developed to estimate the construction and maintenance cost of proposed alternatives over a 50-year period. The estimated benefits were divided by the conceptual costs to develop a B/C ratio for each alternative.

Figure 5.1 summarizes the extent to which recommended alternatives address existing regional financial damages within each stream reach, ordered by increasing existing conditions damages. The two line series illustrated on the graph represent existing condition damages and benefits, respectively, for each stream reach. The columns indicate the extent to which recommended alternatives address estimated damages, while the red B/C symbols indicate the combined benefit-cost ratio for alternatives associated with each stream reach. As an example, the recommended West Fork alternatives, WF-03 and WF-06, address roughly 65 percent of estimated damages along the West Fork (indicated by the column), which corresponds to a benefit of approximately $148,034,000. In contrast, the recommended alternative that benefits the Skokie River, MS-14, addresses over 90 percent of the estimated damages along the Skokie River, but this project results in only about $46,996,000 of benefit for the Skokie River reach.

In Figure 5.1, the Skokie River stream reach only reports the MS-14 project's benefits, project costs, and percent damages addressed on the Skokie River. MS-14 is the only project reported for the Skokie River stream reach since the Skokie River subwatershed benefits provided by this project are more comprehensive than the SR-08 project. However, due the low B/C ratio of MS-14, the SR-08 project has been included as a recommended project to serve as an alternative feasible solution to the I-94 at Winnetka Road overbank flooding problem should the MS-14 project not be implemented. SR-08 is an alternative targeted specifically for overbank flooding only at I-94 and Winnetka Road, while MS-14 addresses overbank flooding of I-94 at Winnetaka Road, Willow Road, and Skokie River crossing, and provides additional benefits along the Middle Fork, Skokie, and Mainstem reaches; therefore, the SR-08 alternative is only recommended if MS-14 is not implemented. It should be noted that SR-08 addresses overbank flooding only at I-94 and Winnetka Road; however, this project does not address overbank flooding along I-94 at Willow Road and Skokie River crossing.

Figure 5.1
North Branch of the Chicago River Watershed Alternative Summary

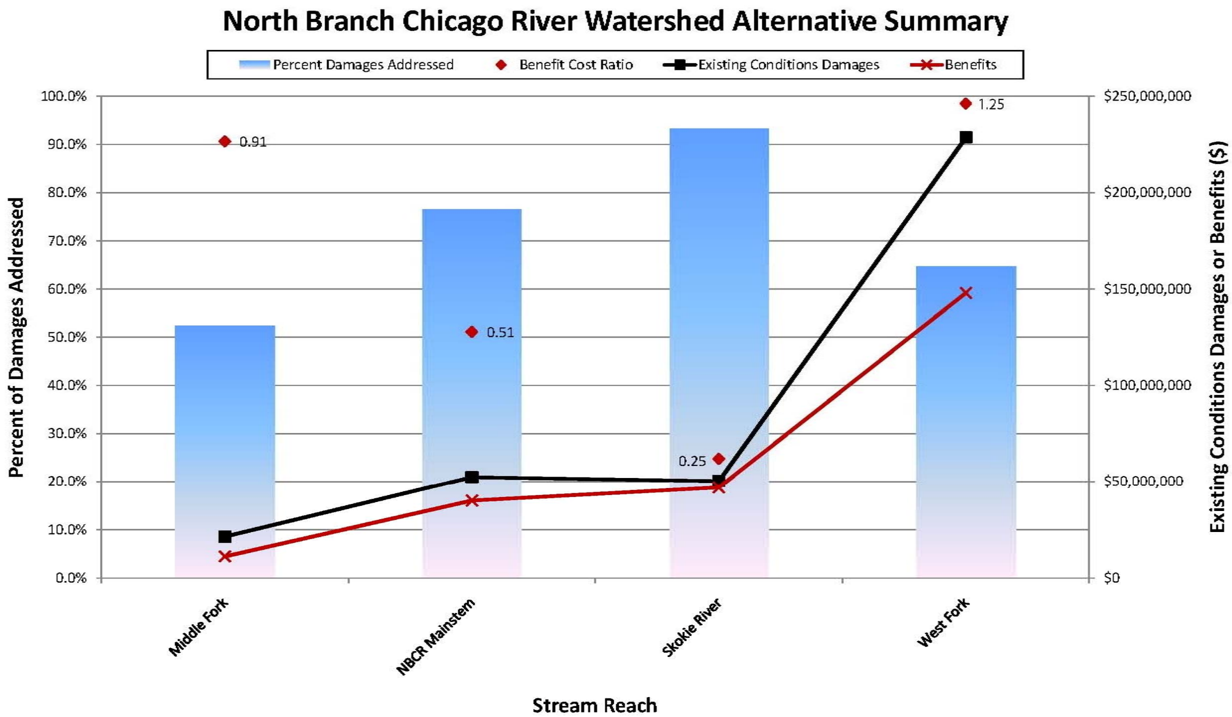

Figure 5.1 Notes:

1. Skokie River stream reach only includes benefits and damages addressed for the MS-14 project due to overlapping benefit with the SR-08 benefit.
2. Benefits, project costs, and damages addressed for the Middle Fork, NBCR Mainstem, and Skokie River stream reaches include results from the MS-14 project. Project costs have been prorated among the three reaches based on benefit percentage to each respective stream reach.

Because the MS-14 project provides benefits to the Middle Fork, Skokie, and NBCR Mainstem stream reaches, the benefits provided by MS-14 for each stream reach were incorporated into the percent damages addressed and B/C ratio for each stream reach. Distribution of project costs for MS-14 between the associated stream reaches was estimated by prorating the MS-14 project costs among the three reaches based on benefit percentage provided by MS-14 to each respective stream reach.

In general, the recommended alternatives listed in Table 4.2.1 can be constructed independently. However, in the case of SR-08 and MS-14, the alternatives and associated benefits are not independent. In this case, the SR-08 alternative is only recommended if MS-14 is not implemented. Because of the interaction of impacts between alternatives, the benefits associated with constructing several alternatives in a reach or subwatershed may exceed the sum of the benefits of the individual alternatives, or vice versa. Furthermore, by the nature that streambank stabilization projects completely protect structures at imminent risk, all potential erosion damages are addressed with this type of project.

Estimated damage reductions result from proposed stormwater improvements that increase stormwater storage in the watershed, thereby reducing peak flows and stage, increasing conveyance to receiving systems (only if increased flows do not cause downstream damages), or channel protection measures to reduce erosion damages. Floodproofing alternatives, though feasible for addressing isolated shallow flooding issues, are not included in the summary statistics below due to the individualized way in which such measures would be implemented.

Benefits from proposed project alternatives are not distributed evenly throughout the NBCR watershed, but are generally concentrated in subwatersheds with greater existing conditions damages where capital improvement projects address these damages. Differences in the amount of available open land for stormwater alternatives also contribute to uneven distribution of benefits among subwatersheds. Recommended project alternatives do not generally address all existing damages from the 100-year design inundation areas, as sufficient open land is not always present in locations that can reduce floodwaters to the level that eliminates inundation of structures along regional waterways. In particular, it is noted that the enabling legislation (70 ILCS 2605/7h (g)) for the District's stormwater management program states "the District shall not use Cook County Forest Preserve District land for stormwater or flood control projects without the consent of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (FPDCC)"; therefore proposed projects involving FPDCC property cannot be implemented without FPDCC's permission. The District will work collaboratively with FPDCC to develop multi-objective projects beneficial to both agencies along with our constituents and also consistent with our individual missions.

At the time of this report, the FPDCC and Wilmette Park District have indicated their unwillingness to provide land for the MS-14 alternative. It is also noted that, while MS-10 yields a higher B/C ratio, the City of Chicago supports the MS-07 alternative (Foster Avenue tunnel) in lieu of MS-10. The City of Chicago supports MS-07 because the tunnel would reduce flooding without buyouts, relocations, or construction of a wall through the neighborhood.

Regional stormwater problems, whether identified by stakeholders or identified by modeling of intercommunity waterways, indicate a need for regional stormwater management solutions throughout the NBCR watershed. Although regional stormwater problems are concentrated in more extensively developed and flatter areas of the NBCR watershed, significant regional stormwater problems are present throughout the watershed. If selected and constructed, the recommended capital improvement projects in Table 4.2.1 are expected to significantly reduce existing stormwater damages, although damages are expected to persist within the watershed even following construction of recommended projects. However, implementation of the recommended projects should reduce the number of homes and businesses adversely impacted by flooding and minimize severity of existing damages.

The regional stormwater management solutions recommended in this report have the potential to provide regional benefit to the watershed by reducing overbank flooding for a range of storm events. While current and recommended stormwater management focuses on providing protection for larger storm events, such as the 100 year frequency event, many of the recommended alternatives would provide a level of protection for more frequent smaller storm events. Reduction in overbank flooding would not only provide benefits by reducing damages to infrastructure, but may also provide benefits of increased mobility to the general public and opportunities for enhancing water quality and recreation. Communities and regulatory agencies can continue to work toward mitigation of stormwater damages by ensuring development is responsibly managed with special consideration given to potential stormwater impacts and the existing stormwater problems present within the watershed.

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