



North Branch Chicago River Watershed Workgroup (NBWW)

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Freedom of Information Act Information

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FY2026 Budget

\$151,730.39 (Membership Revenues + FY25 Carryover)

Number of Offices

1

Total Number of Budgeted Employees

Employees: 0
NBWW contracts out administrative and technical services to multiple agencies (see organizational chart).

Mission

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Alternate: Vacant
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Leonard Dane, Member At-Large
Alternate: Kirsten James
Hey & Associates

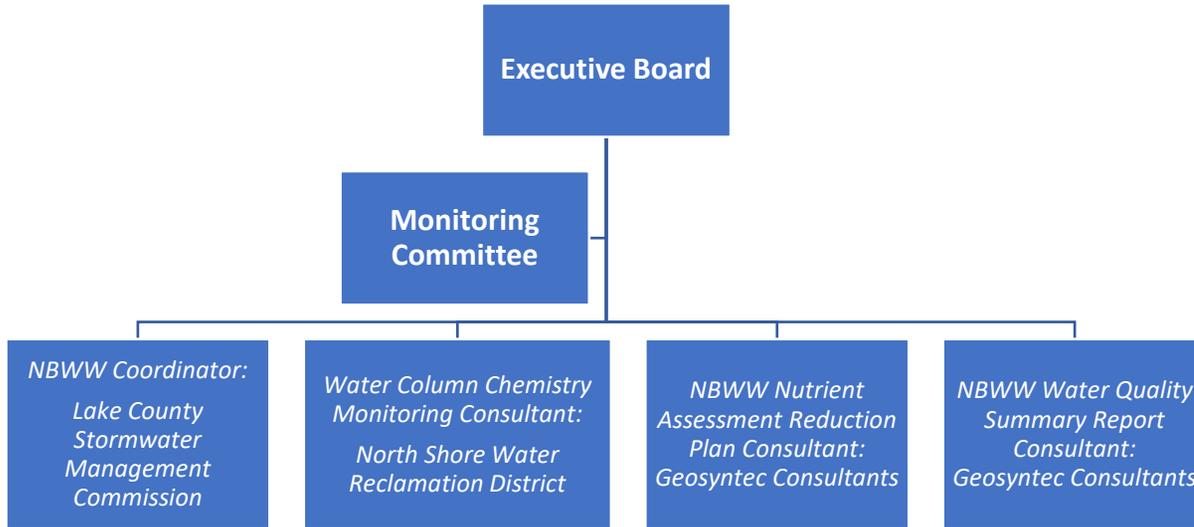
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North Branch Chicago River Watershed Workgroup (NBWW) Organizational Chart



General Membership

- City of Evanston
- City of Highland Park
- City of Lake Forest
- City of North Chicago
- City of Park City
- City of Waukegan
- Cook County
- Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways
- Forest Preserve District of Cook County
- Illinois Department of Transportation
- Lake County
- Lake County Forest Preserve District
- Libertyville Township
- North Shore Water Reclamation District
- Skokie Consolidated Drainage District
- Union One Middle Fork Drainage District
- Union One West Fork Drainage District
- Vernon Township
- Village of Bannockburn
- Village of Deerfield
- Village of Glencoe
- Village of Glenview
- Village of Green Oaks
- Village of Lincolnshire
- Village of Morton Grove
- Village of Niles
- Village of Northbrook
- Village of Northfield
- Village of Riverwoods
- Village of Skokie
- Village of Wilmette
- Village of Winnetka
- Chicago Botanic Garden
- Christopher Burke
- Deerfield Park District
- Engineering Resource Associates Consultants
- Friends of the Chicago River
- Geosyntec Consultants
- Gewalt Hamilton
- Hey & Associates
- Illinois Sierra Club
- Lake County Stormwater Management Commission
- Lake Forest Open Lands
- Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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NBWW Goals

Facilitate collection and analysis of water quality monitoring data to achieve attainment of water quality standards and designated uses for the watershed, education and outreach targeted towards achieving attainment of water quality standards and designated uses for the watershed and support the North Branch Watershed Planning Committee and the North Branch Watershed Consortium through fostering general membership forums.

NBWW Budget and Staffing

The NBWW adopted a FY26 budget on December 10, 2025. The NBWW has an operating budget of \$151,730.39 (including annual membership dues and FY25 carryover funds). The NBWW does not have any employees but does contracts out administrative and technical services to multiple agencies (see organizational chart above).