

McHenry Township

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PREPARED BY THE FOX WATERWAY AGENCY AND NORTHWATER CONSULTING  
AND TO WORKING COOPERATIVELY TO SUPPORT COORDINATED PLANNING  
AND IMPLEMENTATION OF WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WITHIN  
THEIR JURISDICTION AS FUNDING AND PLANNING ACTIVITIES ALLOW

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ADOPTED BY THE McHenry Township Board

of

McHenry Township

THE 08 DAY OF January, 2026

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### **A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CHAIN O' LAKES WATERSHED-BASED PLAN PREPARED BY THE FOX WATERWAY AGENCY AND NORTHWATER CONSULTING AND TO WORKING COOPERATIVELY TO SUPPORT COORDINATED PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTION, AS FUNDING AND PLANNING ACTIVITIES ALLOW**

**WHEREAS**, the Fox Waterway Agency (herein referred to as the "Agency") is a special unit of local government organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois (615 ILCS 90/1.1); and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency is charged with implementing reasonable programs within the Chain O Lakes-Fox River recreational waterway from the Wisconsin State line to the Algonquin Dam for recreational uses, prevention of pollution and to otherwise improve the quality of the waterway to promote tourism in the area (615 ILCS 90/7.1); and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency shall coordinate efforts of State, federal and local governments to improve and maintain the waterway (615 ILCS 90/7.1); and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (hereinafter referred to as "IEPA") has determined that all recreational waters within the waterway jurisdiction of the Agency are impaired; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency determined that a watershed based plan would be needed to identify the sources of non-point pollution and other impacts to the watershed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency contracted the services of Northwater Consulting under the financial assistance agreement #3192106 with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

(IEPA) 319(h) to create the Chain O'Lakes Watershed Based Plan (WBP) which was approved by the IEPA on February 24, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, implementation of water quality initiatives will reduce the potential for harm to people, plants, animals and structures from future pollution and other hazards, and improve the aesthetics and usability of the Chain O' Lakes for the public; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Agency hereto has determined that it is in the best interest of the public to support or otherwise assist in the implementation of various recommendations from the WBP for the betterment of the Chain O' Lakes watershed as a whole.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by McHenry Township that the Township Board hereby adopts the Chain of Lakes watershed-Based Plan for advisory purposes only, meaning that the Plan serves strictly as guidance and does not bind the Township, create enforceable duties, mandate actions, or require funding of any kind. Any participation in Plan recommendations shall occur only in specifically approved by the Township Board in the future, subject to available authority, staffing and appropriated funds. This Resolution does not obligate the Township to undertake or fund any project

**PASSED** by Mchenry Township Board this 8th day of January 2026 by a roll call vote as follows.

Pursuant to a roll call vote:

Name	Aye	Nay	Absent
Michelle Bindenagel-Trustee			✓
Mark Jaeger - Trustee	✓		
Ray Mendlik - Trustee	✓		
Adam Shaver - Trustee	✓		
Gary Baria - Supervisor	✓		

