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The Lower Des Plaines Watershed Group (LDWG) is a non-profit organization focused on improving the health of the Lower Des Plaines River and its tributaries. To achieve this LDWG is developing and implementing a long-term, comprehensive monitoring program that will assess the current conditions of the watershed and identify the most important stressors to aquatic life.

This data-driven approach will allow us to make well-informed management decisions and identify the most cost-effective way to improve local water quality. This data collection will also assist member agencies meet in-stream monitoring requirements for both wastewater and stormwater NPDES permits. In addition to the monitoring activities, LDWG will provide a variety of public education and involvement materials, events, and trainings to further assist member agencies meet MS4 requirements. Membership classifications are described below.

**Agency Member:** Any agency holding an NPDES permit for a discharge from a wastewater treatment plant or from a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) into the Lower Des Plaines River or its tributaries. Agency Membership dues are calculated based on design average flow of treatment plant discharge in million gallons/day (MGD) and/or acres within the watershed boundary. In addition, all Agency Members are assessed a \$200 administration fee and an \$800 per-permit monitoring fee.

**Associate Member:** Any agency, organization or company interested in the mission and objectives of LDWG that is not eligible for membership as an Agency Member. Several types of Associate Memberships are available:

Industrial NPDES Permit Holders	\$2,500
Townships	\$1,000
All Other Organizations	\$500
Municipal Non-Permitted	Membership dues are calculated based on 1/3 of a municipality's total acreage within the watershed boundary at \$1.00 per acre plus the \$200 administration fee.

### **FY2018-2019 (March 1, 2018 – February 28, 2019) Membership Dues:**

Membership dues are provided on the back of this page. Membership dues invoices will be mailed after March 1, 2018 and are payable by June 1, 2018.

We are available to meet with eligible communities and dischargers in the watershed to discuss membership benefits. If you have questions about your membership, please contact Jennifer Hammer, Watershed Manager, at 630-428-4500 x114 or [jhammer@theconservationfoundation.org](mailto:jhammer@theconservationfoundation.org).

## Lower Des Plaines Watershed Group

### FY 2018-2019 Agency Membership Dues for Existing Members

					Acre	DAF	Agency Total
Agency	Acres	WW MGD	Admin Fee	Sampling Fee	\$1.00	\$2,336.03	
Joliet	10,772	32.2	200	1,600	10,772.00	75,220.01	87,792.01
New Lenox	2,963	0.732	200	1,600	2,963.00	1,709.97	6,472.97
Lockport	6,025	7.26	200	1,600	6,025.00	16,959.54	24,784.54
Romeoville	5,178	7.5	200	1,600	5,178.00	17,520.19	24,498.19
Elwood	1,279*	0.75	200	800	1,279.33	1,752.02	4,031.35
Manhattan	2,608	1.35	200	1,600	2,608.00	3,153.63	7,561.63
Crest Hill	2,518	1.7	200	1,600	2,518.00	3,971.24	8,289.24
Channahon	1,986	0.73	200	1,600	1,986.00	1705.30	5,491.30
Westmont	767		200	800	767.00	-	1,767.00
MWRDGC		54.3	200	800	-	126,846.17	127,846.17
DuPage County WW		10	200	800	-	23,360.25	24,360.25
Illinois American		2.6	200	800	-	6073.67	7073.67
Will County SW	23,142*		200	800	23,142.33	-	24,142.33
Totals	57,239	120.532	2,600	16,000			\$354,110.65

\*Calculated at 1/3 of the agency's total acres within watershed boundary excluding the Hickory Creek Watershed.

FY2018/19 Budget	
Bioassessment Monitoring	200,000.00
Data Management	5,000.00
DO & Chloride Monitoring	25,000.00
Administration (1FTE)	87,404.45
Consulting	25,000.00
Education & Outreach	15,000.00
Total	\$357,404.45