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Village of North Barrington’s “Watershed Best Management Practices Handbook” Selected for BACOG’s Donald P. Klein Award

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The Village of North Barrington’s “Watershed Best Management Practices Handbook” was selected for the 2011 Donald P. Klein award given by the Barrington Area Council of Governments (BACOG).

The Village of North Barrington’s Best Management Practices (BMP) Handbook was created as a guidance document for natural area management and protection of the Flint Creek Watershed. Several of BACOG’s member municipalities and townships are located partially or entirely within the watershed. Before development, the Flint Creek Watershed was dominated by prairies, savannas, forests, marshes, wet meadows and other mature native plant communities. Today, many of the native plant communities have been replaced with turf grass and impervious cover. As a result, many of its streams suffer from streambank erosion, sediment deposition, degraded in-stream habitat and poor water quality. The BMP Handbook will help educate various stakeholder groups (residents, business owners, developers, and municipalities) about the various practices that can be used for the restoration and protection of the watershed with pollution prevention, stormwater management, groundwater protection, and stream and surface water protection.

The award was presented to the Village of North Barrington at the BACOG annual dinner held in November.

The nominees for the Donald P. Klein award were all outstanding projects taking place in the BACOG communities that are benefitting BACOG area residents. BACOG’s Judging Committee considered nominations such as a demonstration rain garden; an interactive village newsletter on the web and neighborhoods map provided to residents; an expanded, innovative update to a Comprehensive Plan; and a horse rescue training program for emergency personnel.

The Barrington Area Council of Governments created the Donald P. Klein award in 2010 to posthumously honor the first and long-time Executive Director of BACOG, Donald Patrick Klein. The award recognizes excellence in the current projects and activities of the BACOG villages and townships which further the goals advanced by Mr. Klein for over 30 years and the current priorities of the BACOG organization, all of which enhance the quality of life and the environment in the region. The Village of Lake Barrington’s “Open Space Initiative” received the award in 2010.

The Barrington Area Council of Governments is a regional planning organization that fosters intergovernmental cooperation. Covering a 90-square-mile geographical area, BACOG represents seven municipalities and two townships in areas of Cook, Lake, McHenry and Kane Counties. BACOG's government members are: Barrington, Barrington Hills, Barrington Township, Cuba Township, Deer Park, Lake Barrington, North Barrington, South Barrington and Tower Lakes.

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