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Municipality:	N/A
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Abstract

Corporate county authorities are granted broad authority to protect and maintain watercourses, pursuant to 55 ILL. COMP. STAT. 5/5-15008 (2004). County authorities may regulate streamflow and dams along any watercourse located within county boundaries. However, county authorities may not “abridge or in any manner curtail any vested water power rights or other rights.”

Resource

55 ILL. COMP. STAT. 5/5-15008 (2004)

Sec. 5-15008. Flow of streams and rivers.

The county board shall supervise, regulate and control the flow within the boundaries of the county of the waters of any river, stream or water course over and through any and all dams and other obstructions, if any, now or hereafter existing or constructed in, upon or along any such river, stream or water course; provided however, that nothing in this Section contained shall empower any county to abridge or in any manner curtail any vested water power rights or other rights.

(Source: P.A. 86-962.)