



**TWO
RIVERS**
WISCONSIN

**RESOLUTION
OPPOSING LEGISLATION THAT WOULD SUBJECT
MUNICIPAL STORM WATER UTILITIES
TO REGULATION BY THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN**

WHEREAS, the City of Two Rivers established a municipal storm water utility in August of 2014, following considerable public input and deliberation by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, that utility has provided an important, dedicated funding source for storm water infrastructure investments necessary to comply with Federal and State storm water regulations and for routine replacement of existing storm water facilities in conjunction with street reconstruction projects throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the Storm Water Utility has been managed responsibly by the City, with minimal administrative costs and with no change in the utility's fee structure since its inception over nine years ago; the fee was and still is \$5.75 per month per equivalent residential unit; and

WHEREAS, our city recently learned about the introduction of a bill in the Wisconsin Legislature—identified as Senate Bill 455 and Assembly Bill 457—that would subject such local storm water utilities to the full authority of the Public Service Commission to regulate rates and services; and

WHEREAS, such regulation is not necessary, has the potential to be both costly and time-consuming, and would unduly interfere with local control, by locally-elected governmental bodies, over this local infrastructure funding tool authorized by State Statute;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Two Rivers does hereby join with the Wisconsin League of Municipalities and other local governments across the state in opposing any legislation that would impose such a regulatory burden on locally-created and administered storm water utilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby directs the City Manager to send copies of this resolution to State Senator Andre Jacque, to State Representative Shae Sortwell and to Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers, advising them of our position on this issue.

Adopted this 6th day of November, 2023.

Councilmember

Gregory E. Buckley, City Manager