

## MEMO

TO: Chairperson Wetzel and Commissioners  
FROM: Andrew Beyer, P.E.  
DATE: February 22, 2023  
RE: February 28, 2023 Public Works Commission Meeting

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Review and take possible action: Amend Watertown Municipal Code of Ordinances Chapter 288, Erosion and Sediment Control

### BACKGROUND

As part of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Urban Nonpoint Source & Storm Water Grant project, proposed revisions to Chapter 288, Erosion & Sediment Control Ordinance have been made. These proposed revisions will streamline and simplify the City's Erosion Control and Storm Water Runoff Permit program, which is required by the WDNR Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit. Highlights of these proposed changes include:

- Increasing the size of a construction site that requires post-construction storm water management from 3,000 square feet to 21,780 square feet (.5 acre)
- Updating the erosion control inspection frequency to match MS4 Permit requirements
- Minimizing the area on redevelopment sites that requires phosphorus control to match the area that requires TSS control
- Clarifying how/where sump/groundwater drainage may be discharged to
- Clarifying maintenance agreement requirements to match the City's maintenance agreement template

Additional revisions are included on the attached spreadsheet. Engineering Division staff presented these proposed changes to an external stakeholder group including contractors, developers and engineers in December 2022.

### Enclosed:

- Draft ordinance language
- Summary spreadsheet