

MEMO

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

Review and take possible action: Amend Watertown Municipal Code of Ordinances Chapter 356, Landscaping

BACKGROUND

As part of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Urban Nonpoint Source & Storm Water Grant project, proposed revisions to Chapter 356, Landscaping Ordinance have been made. These proposed revisions will eliminate barriers to using native plantings for stormwater management by creating exemptions from the Natural Landscape Permit process for:

- Stormwater BMPs
- Rain Gardens
- Wetlands
- Shorelines/Streambanks
- Areas less than 50% of a property not occupied by buildings, pavement or other structures.

Additional revisions are included on the attached spreadsheet.

Enclosed:

- Draft ordinance language
- Summary spreadsheet