

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: Create Watertown Municipal Code of Ordinances Chapter 453
Stormwater Ordinance - Article 3, Stormwater Maintenance

BACKGROUND

As part of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Urban Nonpoint Source & Storm Water Grant project, Article iii of Chapter 453 has been drafted to address Stormwater Maintenance. This article combines maintenance-related language found in other ordinances and documents, and clarifies roles and responsibilities for maintenance of stormwater best management practices (BMPs) and drainage easements. Stormwater BMP maintenance is necessary for the systems to function as designed, which was meant to minimize local flooding and to capture stormwater pollutants. The City can take credit for the total suspended solids (TSS) & phosphorus removal from the stormwater BMPs to meet the Rock River total maximum daily load (TMDL) requirements if we can demonstrate the legal authority to ensure maintenance will be completed. Highlights of these proposed changes include:

- Inspections: when are they required and what should be included in the report
- Maintenance: required maintenance, City authority to complete maintenance and charge back property owner(s)
- Drainage easements: responsibility to maintain, examples of what not to store in an easement.

Additional revisions are included on the attached spreadsheet.

Enclosed:

- Draft ordinance language
- Summary spreadsheet