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MEMO

TO: Chairperson Wetzel and Commissioners
FROM: Jaynellen J. Holloway, P.E.
DATE: November 7, 2023
RE: Public Works Commission Agenda Narrative for November 14, 2023

Agenda Items:

Review and take possible action: Approve Water Quality Trade Protocol and Approval Methods

BACKGROUND

Review and take possible action: Approve Water Quality Trade Protocol and Approval Methods Review:

The new Watertown Waterways Improvement Program (WWIP) successfully started in August with a kick-off meeting to introduce the program to local property owners. This local water quality trading program will be implemented to meet the pollutant reductions listed in the Rock River Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and is required by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit no. WI-S050075-3.

The Watertown Waterways Improvement Program (WWIP) was developed by City and Jefferson County staff with assistance from the Rock River Coalition. The expertise and experience of the Jefferson County Land & Water Conservation Department staff, including their in-depth knowledge of the local landscape and property owners in the area, is the foundation for the successful implementation of this local water quality trading program. Once County staff have identified a possible pollutant reduction practice with an interested local property owner, the City will review the proposed project and approve or deny its inclusion in the Watertown Waterways Improvement Program (WWIP). The City's process to evaluate and select proposed projects to be installed to capture pollutants is described in detail in the Watertown Waterways Improvement Program (WWIP) Project Selection & Approval Process.

Attachments:

- Checklist
- Protocol
- Draft Resolution