

**RESOLUTION TO
ADOPT AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN
JEFFERSON COUNTY AND THE CITY OF WATERTOWN REGARDING
TECHNICAL SERVICES FOR WATER QUALITY TRADING**

**SPONSOR: CHAIRPERSON WETZEL
FROM: PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the City of Watertown has committed to Water Quality Trading to fulfill its Phosphorus compliance obligations under its Wisconsin Pollution Discharge Elimination System (“WPDES”), Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit and the Rock River Total Maximum Daily Load TMDL study; and,

WHEREAS, the City conducted a study in 2014 regarding costs to reduce its Phosphorus levels and found the costs for projects within the City would exceed \$13,000,000 at the time of said study and would not be sufficient to meet its TMDL pollution reduction obligations under the MS4 permit; and,

WHEREAS, the City can achieve Phosphorus reduction requirements mandated by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in a cost-effective manner through Water Quality Trading; and,

WHEREAS, in 2018 the City reported to WDNR that Water Quality Trading was the selected TMDL compliance approach, per the MS4 Permit reporting requirements; and,

WHEREAS, Jefferson County has the ability to provide planning and technical assistance to municipalities such as the City of Watertown, agricultural landowners and producers for the implementation of conservation practices that reduce sediment and nutrients (including phosphorous) from entering waterways that the City can apply toward the TMDL pollutant reductions required under the MS4 permit; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Watertown desires to obtain assistance from Jefferson County to implement Water Quality Trading projects.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF WATERTOWN, WISCONSIN:**

That the City of Watertown Common Council hereby approves and adopts the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement between Jefferson County and the City of Watertown regarding technical services for Water Quality Trading a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated as Exhibit A.

	YES	NO
DAVIS		
LAMPE		
RUETTEN		
BARTZ		
LICHT		
SMITH		
SCHMID		
WETZEL		
ROMLEIN		
MAYOR MCFARLAND		
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ADOPTED March 21, 2023

CITY CLERK

APPROVED March 21, 2023

MAYOR