

Engineering Division of the Public Works Department

To: Chairperson Arnett and Commission Members

From: Andrew Beyer P.E., Director of Public Works/City Engineer

Date: September 18, 2025

Subject: Public Works Commission Meeting of September 23, 2025

Update; no action required: 2025 Stormwater Program Update

Background

Agenda Item:

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BACKGROUND:

The Engineering Division/Stormwater Utility is presenting this informational update to Public Works Commission members in part to meet Section 2.6.9, Internal Education, of the MS4 Permit.

The stormwater program utilizes a three-pronged approach:

- 1) Water Quality (pollution prevention) and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' (WDNR) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit compliance
- 2) Flood Control
- 3) Maintenance

The next WDNR MS4 Permit is anticipated to be released later this year. This may impact the water quality program implementation and/or priorities assigned to those tasks.

The City completed a multi-year Flood Control Plan in 2024, as a follow-up to the severe flooding of August 2018. 15 priority flooding areas were identified, with recommended construction projects that are currently being integrated into the capital improvement program.

Maintenance of the City's storm sewer system is crucial; without routine and larger, occasional maintenance, the system does not perform well during large rain events.

Budget Goal

1. Proactively maintains and improves our parks and infrastructure to ensure safety, quality, and equity
4. Maintains a safe and healthy community, with an eye toward future needs and trends

Financial Impact

This overview of the stormwater program was compiled by staff; no additional funds were allocated or incurred for this presentation.

Recommendation

This is an update, with no formal action required.

The Public Works Department recommends continuing to use the three pronged approach of Water Quality (pollution prevention) and WDNR MS4 Permit compliance, Flood Control, and Maintenance to implement the City's Stormwater Program.

Attachments:

- 2025 Stormwater Program Update slide deck