

**RESOLUTION TO
APPROVE THE AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT ON CITY-OWNED
PROPERTIES POLICY**

**SPONSOR: ALDERPERSON TONY ARNETT
FROM: PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the City of Watertown recognizes the importance of maintaining healthy shoreline and aquatic plants to sustain the environmental quality, safety, and aesthetic value of its water resources; and,

WHEREAS, aquatic plant management is critical for improving water quality, controlling erosion, enhancing habitat, supporting recreation, and preserving the overall function of rivers, streams, lakes, ponds, and stormwater infrastructure located on City-owned lands; and,

WHEREAS, the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department and the Department of Public Works have developed the Aquatic Plant Management on City-owned Properties Policy to provide consistent guidance for the protection, restoration, and management of aquatic plants along rivers, streams, lakes, ponds, and stormwater best management practices (BMPs) and infrastructure within City ownership; and,

WHEREAS, this policy establishes guiding principles, clarifies departmental responsibilities, outlines management practices, and ensures compliance with state and federal regulatory requirements; and,

WHEREAS, the Public Works Commission has reviewed and recommends approval of the policy by the Common Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Watertown, Wisconsin, that the Aquatic Plant Management on City-owned Properties Policy, attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby approved and adopted as official policy of the City of Watertown.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department and the Department of Public Works are hereby directed to implement the policy in coordination with the applicable state and federal regulatory authorities.

	YES	NO
DAVIS		
LAMPE		
BERG		
BARTZ		
BLANKE		
SMITH		
ARNETT		
WETZEL		
MOLDENHAUER		
MAYOR STOCKS		
TOTAL		

ADOPTED September 2, 2025

CITY CLERK

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MAYOR