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To: City of Whitewater Common Council

From: Michelle Dujardin, Assistant Director and Community Events Programmer

Date: Thursday, August 27, 2026

Re: Collaboration with UW-Whitewater and Lakes Advisory Committee/Parks & Recreation Department for Methods in Lakes Management Course

The City of Whitewater Parks & Recreation Department and Lakes Advisory Committee are excited to partner with UW-Whitewater's ENVSCI 496: Methods in Lake Management course, led by Assistant Professor Pete Puleo. This Community-Based Learning (CBL) course gives students the opportunity to apply what they are learning in the classroom to real-world lake management needs right here in Whitewater.

Throughout the semester, students will work in small groups on projects involving Cravath and Trippe Lakes, collecting valuable data such as dissolved oxygen, water depth, temperature, nutrients, and/or pollution levels. The projects will be shaped by the needs of the City, with the goal of generating useful information that can help support future lake management decisions and complement the work of the City, SEWRPC, and Wisconsin DNR.

Members of the Lakes Advisory Committee and Parks & Recreation staff will be actively involved throughout the semester, working alongside students and the instructor, sharing information about our lakes, assisting with project needs, and helping connect classroom learning with the City's ongoing lake management efforts.

This is an exciting new opportunity to strengthen our partnership with UW-Whitewater, provide students with meaningful hands-on experience, and gain additional research and data that can benefit Cravath and Trippe Lakes. We are very excited to be part of this partnership and look forward to seeing what the students discover throughout the semester!
