



Council Agenda Item

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Agenda Item: Staff Report DNR Planning Grant

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BACKGROUND

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Earlier this year, staff applied to the DNR for a Planning Grant to help offset the cost associated with a planned Stormwater Quality Management Plan Update. The City's project ranked high enough to obtain the grant funding and staff has received the DNR signed Agreement. The grant amount of \$42,500 is 50% of the project cost. The Stormwater Quality Management Plan Update will document the plan for meeting the developed urban area performance standards of the City's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit. The Plan will include land use and existing Best Management Practices (BMP) mapping, reachshed and watershed delineations, existing BMP characteristics, a summary of pollutant load modeling, an alternatives analysis for meeting performance standards, and associated costs of evaluated BMP's. An updated storm sewer system map consistent with the requirements of the MS4 permit will also be provided.

As part of the application, an approved Resolution (March 21, 2023) authorizing the City Manager to act on behalf of the City of Whitewater was included. The Resolution authorized the City Manager to sign a grant agreement between the City and the DNR. The Agreement was signed on October 30, 2023 and sent back to the DNR. Funds for the Stormwater Quality Management Plan Update have been included in the 2024 Budget within Fund 630-Stormwater Utility.
