



Public Works Agenda Item

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Agenda Item: Starin Park Detention Basin

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BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

As discussed in the previous memo the City is preparing to apply again for a Clean Water Fund loan to help finance the Starin Park Underground Wet Detention Basin. As in the past, the City is hoping to rank high enough to obtain Principal Forgiveness on a portion of the loan. The question for the Committee is, if the City does not rank high enough for Principal Forgiveness, should the City still move forward with the project.

As a reminder, the University of Whitewater is also financially responsible for their prorated share of the project and they also would need to be onboard to move forward without receiving Principal Forgiveness.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

The project was approved in the CIP budget for 2026. However, the City did not rank high enough to receive Principal Forgiveness so the project was dropped for 2026.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

The estimated cost is \$3,625,000. The estimated breakdown is as follows:

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>With Principal Forgiveness</u>	<u>Without Principal Forgiveness</u>
City	\$800,000	\$1,390,000
UW Whitewater	\$1,075,000	\$2,085,000
Principal Forgiveness	\$1,600,000	\$0
DNR Grant	\$150,000	\$150,000

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Updates will soon be needed for the Capital Improvement Plan projects for 2027. Additionally, if the project moves forward regardless of funding, the project should be bid in December/January. Last year, the priority list for Principal Forgiveness projects was not known until February. Staff is looking to start discussions regarding the funding for this project and if the project should move forward regardless. A decision is not needed at this time.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

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