



FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - SPECIAL AGENDA

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024 AT 6:30 PM

MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 106 JONES STREET, WATERTOWN, WI 53094

Virtual Meeting Info: <https://us06web.zoom.us/join> Meeting ID: 282 485 6600 Passcode: 53098 One tap mobile +16469313860

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. BUSINESS

- A.** Review and take possible action: Application for Wisconsin Emergency Management - Pre-Disaster Flood Resilience Grant for assessment of Brandt-Quirk Creek System

3. ADJOURNMENT

Persons requiring other reasonable accommodations for any of the above meetings, may contact the office of the City Clerk at mdunneisen@watertownwi.gov, phone 920-262-4006

A quorum of any City of Watertown Council, Committee, Board, Commission, or other body, may be present at this meeting for observing and gathering of information only

MEMO

Engineering Division of the Public Works Department

To: Mayor McFarland & Finance Committee Members

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

Date: 11/19/2024

Subject: Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) Pre-Disaster Flood Resilience Grant Opportunity

Background

Review and take possible action: Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) Pre-Disaster Flood Resilience Grant Opportunity

Background:

In February 2024, the City's multi-year Flood Control Plan project was completed, identifying 15 priority flooding areas to be addressed throughout the City. Three (3) of the priority flooding areas drain to the westside creek system (the Brandt-Quirk Creek and High School Creek systems, which meet near the new fire station site). This creek system begins upstream (north) of the City limits, receiving additional flows from tributary streams and storm sewer before it discharges to the Rock River near the intersection of Fairview Drive and Hoffmann Drive. The Flood Control Plan recommendations included additional study and modeling to design site-specific solutions to the flooding problems. Due to the inter-connectedness of the flooding problems and the westside receiving creek system, staff proposed to study and evaluate the impacts of creek flows, floodplain and stormwater runoff to the creek, including how solving one flooding area could impact another flooding area.

Wisconsin Emergency Management has announced the new Pre-Disaster Flood Resilience Grant to assess natural systems in conjunction with flooding in urban areas. The city is eligible for this grant due to the flooding that occurred in August 2018. It is not known at this time if the Pre-Disaster Resilience Grant will be offered again in future years, or if the City would be eligible at that time. The Pre-Disaster Flood Resilience Grant offers up to 75% cost-sharing, up to a maximum of \$300,000, for the work proposed in this project.

WEM Pre-Disaster Flood Control Grant applications are due November 30, 2024, and require a resolution indicating approval to participate in this grant opportunity and to expend the City's



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share of the funds, and that all state grant requirements, forms, local codes and standards will be met.

Budget Goal

1. Proactively maintains and improves our parks and infrastructure in an effort to ensure quality, safety and compliance
2. Promotes and fosters innovative approaches for community development and growth
3. Maintains a safe and healthy community, and expands community education on safety and health

Financial Impact

A WEM Pre-Disaster Flood Control Grant can offset a portion of the cost to study and develop solutions to at least three (3) of the priority flooding areas that were identified in the City's 2024 Flood Control Plan. The data collected as part of this study and modeling effort would provide baseline information that would impact the design and effectiveness of proposed flood control measures.

Recommendation

The Public Works Department recommends the approval of the resolution supporting the City's application and participation in the Wisconsin Emergency Management Pre-Disaster Flood Resilience Grant.

2024 Operational Goals

1. Proactively maintains and improves our parks and infrastructure in an effort to ensure quality, safety and compliance
2. Promotes and fosters innovative approaches for community development and growth
3. Maintains a safe and healthy community, and expands community education on safety and health

**RESOLUTION TO
SUPPORT PRE-DISASTER FLOOD
RESILIENCE GRANT FUNDING FOR WESTSIDE CREEK SYSTEM
ASSESSMENT**

**SPONSOR: MAYOR MCFARLAND
FROM: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, The City of Watertown is interested in acquiring a Pre-Disaster Flood Resilience Grant from Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) for the purpose of evaluating and modeling the westside creek system to provide baseline data to design future flood control measures; and,

WHEREAS, WEM is offering the Pre-Disaster Flood Resilience Grant for the first, and possibly only time, this year; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Watertown is eligible for the Pre-Disaster Flood Resilience Grant due to the severe rain events of 2018; and,

WHEREAS, a cost-sharing grant is available to assist in the funding to study and model the impacts of creek flows, floodplain and stormwater runoff flowing into the westside creek system from upstream of and within the City; and,

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Emergency Management cost share for the project may not exceed 75 percent of eligible costs, and is capped at \$300,000; and,

WHEREAS, cost estimates based on similar previous projects have estimated that eligible costs for evaluating and modeling the westside creek system will be approximately \$117,000; and,

WHEREAS, if the City is awarded a WEM Pre-Disaster Flood Resilience Grant to study and model stormwater impacts to the westside creek system, the WEM cost share would be \$87,750 and the City's cost share will be approximately \$29,250; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Watertown Engineering Department and Storm Water Utility will request funds from Account #16-58-16-60 Stormwater Utility Capital Outlay be appropriated for the City of Watertown's cost-share portion for the Pre-Disaster Flood Resilience Grant.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF WATERTOWN, WISCONSIN:**

The Common Council of the City of Watertown hereby authorizes the Mayor to act on the behalf of the City of Watertown as the authorized responsible governmental official, to sign and submit an application to the State of Wisconsin Emergency Management for any financial aid that may be available, sign a grant agreement between the City of Watertown and Wisconsin Emergency Management to participate in the Pre-Disaster Flood Resilience Grant, request Stormwater Water Utility Account #16-58-16-60 Capital Outlay funding for the cost-share portion and any cost in excess of the estimated budget in the grant application, sign and submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documents, interim and final reports and documents, other grant

program forms as necessary, take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved project; and that the City of Watertown shall comply with all local, state and federal laws, regulations and permit requirements pertaining to implementation of this project and to fulfillment of the grant document provisions.

	YES	NO
DAVIS		
LAMPE		
BOARD		
BARTZ		
BLANKE		
SMITH		
SCHMID		
WETZEL		
MOLDENHAUER		
MAYOR MCFARLAND		
TOTAL		

ADOPTED November 19, 2024

CITY CLERK

APPROVED November 19, 2024

MAYOR