City of Fort Atkinson
Engineer's Office
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: **March 15, 2022**

TO: **Fort Atkinson City Council**

FROM: **Andy Selle, P.E., City Engineer/Director of Public Works**

RE: **Review and possible action relating to the Annual Stormwater Report**

BACKGROUND

As part of our Phase II MS4 Permit, the City is required to submit an Annual Report on our activities and accomplishments pursuant to the management of stormwater within the municipal boundaries of Fort Atkinson. The Report covers the City's activities in seven critical areas:

- Public Education and Outreach.
- Public Involvement and Participation
- Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination.
- Construction Site Pollution Control.
- Post-construction Stormwater Management.
- Pollution Prevention.
- Storm Sewer Mapping.

DISCUSSION

The Report documents our effort in each category required by the permit. The City of Fort Atkinson is a member of the Rock River Stormwater Group (RRSG). The RRSG encompasses MS4 permitted municipalities along the Rock River. Each municipality pays annual dues based on population to allow a collaborative effort at the Public facing side of the permit requirements, the first two items listed above. The RRSG has hired Creative Marketing Unlimited, a student run consulting firm from UW Whitewater to manage our web presence, social media, in-person education and outreach, as well as some aspects of the pollution prevention.

We continue to make progress in ensuring our stormwater entering the Bark and Rock Rivers is as clean as possible. We have come a long way since utilizing the river as a conduit for untreated sewage and waste in the early 1900s. Recreational use of the rivers is visibly increasing and they are being viewed as an asset in our community, a direct result of City efforts and dollars and certainly a sound investment for our community. Being a "*River Community*" is now touted as an important aspect of our quality of life.

In addition to giving you the Report to review, it has been posted on the City's website and copies have been available at the Dwight Foster Public Library and Municipal Building for public review and comment.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS
The Report does not have any impact on the Stormwater Utility budget.

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends the Annual Report be approved and the proper signatures authorized.

Please contact me if you have any questions or want additional information on the Annual Report, Stormwater Utility or other stormwater issues.

ATTACHMENT
DRAFT Annual Stormwater Report to WDNR
Annual Report to RRSG from Creative Marketing Unlimited