

MEMO*from the City Manager's Office*

2007-21

DATE: June 14, 2007

TO: Storm Water Task Force Members

FROM: Gregory E. Buckley
City Manager

SUBJECT: Status of Storm/Water Planning Activities

The City Council at the June 4 meeting authorized engaging McMahon Associates for a limited contract, pending DNR's funding decision on the City's Storm Water Planning Grant application.

Rather than authorizing the full scope of services at an estimates cost of \$124,600, the Council approved spending only \$40,000, which is the amount of City funding budgeted in the 2007 Budget. This limitation will necessitate setting some priorities within McMahon's overall scope of services, in order to get as much of the key work as possible done over the next 3 months/until the DNR's funding decision.

Accordingly, the bulk of the \$40,000 will be devoted to populating the SLAM model for Two Rivers with necessary data, and accurately modeling existing conditions. Then, after September, we can begin evaluating options for attaining compliance with Phase I of the stormwater regulations, which requires a reduction of 20% in suspended solids discharged to local surface waterways by October 2008.

This limited initial budget will also give us some time with the consultants, to start developing related local ordinances. Much of this work can be accomplished by City staff and the Task Force, using model ordinances already developed by other Wisconsin communities.

We should also be able to at least begin planning a local public education program.

While I still don't agree with the funding approach that the Council has mandated, we need to move forward with the resources available to us. In the meantime, I will be deferring \$84,600 in budgeted 2007 capital spending for stormwater system work, in the event the City does not receive the State grant and we need to again address local funding for 100% of this planning effort.

I have arranged for Nick VandeHey of McMahon to present at a special breakfast meeting of the Two Rivers Business Association on Thursday, June 21 at the Community House (7:30AM in the Behringer Room). Interested Task Force Members are welcome to attend. (Note: the presentation will be the powerpoint presented at our first Task Force Meeting). To make a reservation, call my assistant, Kim Graves at 793-5532, or e-mail kimgra@two-rivers.org by noon on Monday, June 18.

After this breakfast meeting, Nick will meet with our Engineering Staff to review data needs for the SLAM modeling. To make the most of this trip to Two Rivers by our consultant, I would like to schedule a working lunch meeting of the Task Force at City Hall from 11:30AM to 1:00PM. This session will focus on the required local ordinance. Again, please contact Kim and advise us of your availability, by noon on Monday, June 18. (There will only be a meeting of a majority of the 13 member Task Force can attend.