



Legislation Text

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The proposed resolution authorizes an agreement with the Clean Lakes Alliance for support of Yahara Clean 3.0. This support includes funding of \$25,000 from the City in 2020 and 2021 to support the Yahara Clean 3.0 project. Funding is available in the 2020 Adopted Stormwater Utility Operating Budget, and the proposed 2021 Executive Operating Budget for the Stormwater Utility (84110-54810-00000).

Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Clean Lakes Alliance (CLA) for continuing efforts on the project known as Yahara Clean 3.0. Also authorizing the City of Madison, through the City Engineer, to provide direct funding to the CLA in the amount of \$50,000 for this project. (City Wide)

WHEREAS, in February 2008 Dane County Executive Kathleen Falk, City of Madison Mayor Dave Cieslewicz, Department of Natural Resources Secretary Matthew Frank and the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Secretary Rod Nilsestuen signed Yahara CLEAN (Capital Lakes Environmental Assessment and Needs), a Memorandum of Understanding forming a partnership to assess the nutrients, sediments and beach bacteria affecting the Yahara watersheds streams and lakes and to make recommendations on how to improve water quality in the Yahara River chain of lakes; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Yahara CLEAN Memorandum of Understanding, the City has already undertaken numerous actions to assess and address the water quality of the Yahara River chain of lakes, including making storm water related improvements, performing phosphorus modeling of Lake Mendota and Lake Monona, and experimenting with water quality improvements at the City beaches; and,

WHEREAS, in September 2010 the Yahara CLEAN signatories and other interested parties prepared a report addressing the water quality of the Yahara River chain of lakes, "A clean future for the Yahara Lakes - (often referred to as Yahara Clean 2.0) "(

http://www.yaharawatershed.org/articles/CLEAN_Report_090910.pdf

http://www.yaharawatershed.org/articles/CLEAN_Report_090910.pdf), which included a recommendation of a continued partnership between the Yahara CLEAN signatories; and,

WHEREAS in June of 2011, The City entered into the Yahara Future Memorandum of Understanding with Dane County, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection to continue working on chain of Lakes Water Quality issues; and,

WHEREAS, by supporting the project referred to as Yahara Clean 3.0 with staff and funding and entering into the City will continue its commitment toward assessing and addressing the water quality of the Yahara River chain of lakes with the other interested parties in the watershed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to enter in to a Memorandum of Understanding with The Clean Lakes Alliance to work on and to fund the Yahara Clean Compact 3.0 in accord with the fiscal notes above.