Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

The proposed resolution authorizes the Engineering Division to apply for and accept if awarded, grant funding of up to $5,000 from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Surface Water Education Grant Program. The grant will be used to purchase educational signage to be installed along the Lower Badger Mill Creek recreational paths. Funding for the local match ($2,464) is available in the 2026 Stormwater Utility Adopted Operating Budget. If the grant is awarded, the resolution further authorizes amending the 2026 Stormwater Utility Adopted Operating Budget to reflect the revenues and commensurate expenses. No additional appropriation is required.

Title

Authorizing the City Engineer to apply for a WDNR Surface Water Education Grant for educational signage to be installed along Lower Badger Mill Creek recreational paths, the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the resulting grant agreement to accept the grant if awarded, and amending the 2026 Stormwater Utility Operating Budget to allow for the acceptance of up to $5,000 if awarded the grant.

Body

WHEREAS, the City of Madison Engineering - Stormwater Utility will be conducting this project for purchasing water quality education signs to be installed along recreational paths in the Lower Badger Mill Creek near the Meadow Road and Mid Town Road intersection (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources oversees the Surface Water Education Grant Program, offering up to $5,000 for certain water quality educational projects; and,

WHEREAS, the Project is eligible for funding under the aforementioned grant program, and the City is interested in applying for and accepting such funds if awarded; and,

WHEREAS, the City is willing and able to carry out all activities described in the state grant application is required as part of the application; and

WHEREAS, the City of Madison Stormwater Utility has declared its intent to conduct the Project as described in the application; and

WHEREAS, if the grant is awarded, the City will allow employees from the Department of Natural Resources access to inspect the Project site; and

WHEREAS, the City will maintain records documenting all expenditures made during the Surface Water Education project; and

WHEREAS, the City will submit a final report to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources which describes all Surface Water Education Grant project activities, achievements and data collected, and documentation of the project costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Madison requests the funds and assistance available from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources under the Surface Water Education Grant Program and will comply with the state rules for the program if awarded the grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Engineering Division, after consultation with the City Attorney, is authorized, on behalf of the City, to apply for a grant of up to $5,000 through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Surface Water Education Grant Program and sign all application materials; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, if awarded the grant, the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, in a format approved by the City Attorney; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Engineer, or designee, is authorized to act on behalf of the City to sign documents, and take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the Project, after consultation with the City Attorney where appropriate; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that, if the grant is awarded, the 2026 Stormwater Utility Operating Budget shall be amended to appropriate the grant award and corresponding expenditures in the amount of the grant funds awarded, up to $5,000.

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