

# Agenda Item Report



**Winnebago County**  
*The Wave of the Future*

DATE: March 9, 2023

FROM: Chad Casper, Director of Land & Water Conservation

RE: Resolution: Request Authority to Apply for and Accept WDNR Runoff Management Grants

## **General Description:**

Requesting authority to apply for and accept a WDNR Runoff Management Grant to cover 50% of the expenses for the MS4 Remodeling.

## **Action Requested:**

To approve the Resolution: Request Authority to Apply for and Accept WDNR Runoff Management Grants

## **Procedural Steps:**

Committee of Jurisdiction: Land Conservation Committee	Meeting date: 3/9/23
Action taken:	Vote: 4-0
Personnel and Finance Committee	Meeting Date: 4/6/2023
Action Taken	Vote: 5-0
County Board	Meeting date: 4/18/2023
Action Taken	Vote:

## **Background:**

About 245 municipalities in Wisconsin are currently required to have a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit under NR 216, Wis. Adm. Code. An MS4 permit is required for a municipality that meets one of the following criteria:

1. It is located within a federally-designated Urbanized Area.
2. Its population equals 10,000 or more based on the latest decennial census; or
3. When the Department of Natural Resources designates the municipality for permit coverage in accordance with s. NR 216.025. The MS4 permits are effective for a period of up to five years, at which point the permits are updated and re-issued.

The MS4 permits require municipalities to reduce polluted storm water runoff by implementing storm water management programs with best management practices. The MS4 permits usually do not contain numerical effluent limits like other WPDES permits.

The WDNR Urban Nonpoint Source & Storm Water Management Program Planning Grant is being applied for completing a remodeling of its Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System (MS4) in order to update the pollutant load reductions for Winnebago

**Policy Discussion:**

In order to be eligible to submit a grant application for the MS4 Remodeling expenses, the WDNR requires that a Resolution be approved that identifies an Authorized Responsible Governmental Official (Director of the LWCD) to submit the application and subsequent required forms on behalf of Winnebago County

**Attachments:**

Resolution: Request Authority to Apply for and Accept WDNR Runoff Management Grants