

February 9, 2023

Mr. Tim Asplund
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Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
PO Box 7921
Madison, WI 53707

RE: 2023 Water Quality Management Planning Work Program

Dear Tim Asplund:

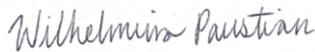
Enclosed is the Water Quality Management Planning (WQMP) Work Program for January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. The draft Work Program was discussed with the WDNR Staff at a virtual meeting with ECWRPC Staff on November 16, 2022. The East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission approved the 2023 Work Program on January 27, 2023. The Work Program is divided into two elements which describe a schedule of activities and deliverables:

- Community Facilities Committee Administration and Coordination
- WQMP Program Administration

The anticipated total Work Program budget is \$152,240. Approximately 23 percent of the overall budget is represented by the projected \$35,000 in the 2023 contract agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me at wpaustian@ecwrpc.org or 920-886-6832.

Sincerely,



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East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
2023 Water Quality Management Program Planning
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission approved the 2023 Work Program on January 27, 2023. East Central’s Water Quality Management (WQM) Program is detailed in the Commission Work Plan’s 1200 Planning Element. The 1200 Planning Element’s deliverables are subject to change over the course of the proposal with concurrence from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). Administration of the 2023 Work Program complies with the subaward Terms and Conditions and Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations part 200, including but not limited to 200.1, 200.330, 200.331, and 200.332(a)(d).

Work Program Element 1205: Communities Facilities Committee Administration

- Schedule and host Community Facilities Committee (CFC) meetings;
- Prepare the agenda and meeting materials;
- Process documents following the meeting including meeting minutes, and sending the appropriate documentation to the DNR for final review and administrative decision, when applicable.

Work Program Element 1231: WQM Program Administration

Collaboration with WDNR

- ECWRPC will provide quarterly reports to the WDNR. Included with the reports will be a listing of WQM Program progress and milestones of SSA Plan updates, an assessment of any related issues to the 2022 WQM Agreement, and quarterly WQM Program expenditures.
- Quarterly Reports and supporting WQM documents will be uploaded into SWIMS as needed.
- Coordinate with WDNR on mid-year 2023 Work Program progress reviews, contract amendments, and review of the 2024 Work Program in Quarter 4.

Collaboration with Other State and Local Agencies

- Commitment to build and strengthen relationships with ECWRPC’s partners: WDNR, counties, municipalities, wastewater treatment facilities, public- and private-sector organizations, WQM program managers across the State.

Water Quality Management Planning Policies and Procedures Update

- ECWRPC will strategize with WDNR staff, municipal staff, and partner organizations throughout 2023 to update and seek approvals of policy and procedural changes to streamline and update East Central's WQM Program.

Public Outreach and Education

- Conduct outreach activities and educational campaigns promoting the policies and procedures once updated to communities, sanitary districts, and partner organizations for efficiency and clarification.
- ECWRPC will continue to maintain, update, and improve the online interactive SSA mapping resources.
- Continuing education for East Central Staff: training opportunities focusing on water quality planning.

Water Quality Plan Consistency (208/WQMP Conformance Reviews)

- ECWRPC will continue to provide an estimated 60 water quality conformance reviews and will streamline the submittal and review procedures as needed for the following projects:
 - Sewer extensions;
 - Private laterals;
 - Lift stations;
 - Interceptor sewers;
 - NR-110 based wastewater facility plans; and
 - Voluntary reviews of subdivision plats and comprehensive plans.
- ECWRPC will coordinate with WDNR on any issues that arise related to 208 Conformance Reviews that may need consultation before or ECWRPC's review processes.
- ECWRPC will work with applicants responding to inquiries and information requests for the water quality conformance review process.

Sewer Service Area Plan Amendments

- ECWRPC will continue processing amendment requests to the current sewer service area boundary according to the adopted procedures in the SSA Plan and WQM Policies and Procedures.
- ECWRPC will coordinate with WDNR on any issues that arise related to SSA Amendments that may need consultation before or throughout East Central's review processes.

Sewer Service Area Plan Updates

- ECWRPC will maintain Sewer Service Area Plans for the Fox River Designated 208 Water Quality Management Area and select communities throughout the 7-county region.
- ECWRPC is committed to engaging communities throughout the Plan update process.
- ECWRPC will consult with the WDNR on any issues that arise related to SSA Plans.
- The following SSA Plan Updates are anticipated to be developed in the year 2023:
 - *Fox Cities 2040 SSA Plan* (including Neenah-Menasha SSA, Fox West SSA, Appleton SSA, and Heart of the Valley SSA) – anticipated adoption in mid-2023
 - *Sherwood 2045 SSA Plan* – anticipated start in 2023 and adoption in early 2024
 - *Stockbridge 2045 SSA Plan* – anticipated start in 2023 and adoption in early 2024

East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission Water Quality Management Program 2023 Work Program Estimated Budget January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023							
1200 Work Program Elements		Total	WDNR Funding		Estimated Fees Received by Commission*		Commission Funding
1205	Community Facilities Committee Administration	7,250	1,750		-		5,500
1231	WQM Program Administration	144,995	33,250		14,000		97,745
Total WQM Work Program Budget		152,245	35,000	23%	14,000	9%	103,245 68%
*These are estimated fees based on an estimated number of SSA amendments and 208/WQM conformance reviews in 2023.							