



## DECEMBER 2024 QUARTERLY REPORT

### WDNR – WCWRPC AID AGREEMENT For the update of the Chippewa Falls-Eau Claire Urban Sewer Service Area (SSA) Plan

#### **Project Goals**

Update the SSA Plan for the Chippewa Falls-Eau Claire Urban Area, which includes:

- Applicable content and plan structure described within NR 121.04 and NR 121.055, including brief discussion of water quality standards/impairments and references to other related water quality management plans and policies.
- Incorporate environmental justice and climate resiliency implications & considerations, unless otherwise directed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.
- Update 20-year forecasts and facility plan data.
- Update the 20-year SSA Plan boundary.
- Fine-tune environmentally sensitive area (ESA) definitions, as needed.
- Review and update SSA Plan goals, policies, and procedures, including future related applications, amendment processes, tracking/reporting, and plan monitoring.
- Educate on SSA Plan purpose and policy compliance.

#### **Project Period per Aid Agreement**

3/1/24 – 9/31/25 (agreement timeline amended)

#### **Progress this Quarter (7/1/24 – 9/15/25)**

- Conducted a special meeting WQM-TAC Meeting with WDNR staff (completed on 10/14).
- Compiled and shared Q&A notes from the WDNR discussion with communities.
- Updated working draft ESA definitions.
- Communities continued to provide copies of relevant plans and policies.
- WCWRPC continued other data collection and the development of the SSA Plan update document.

## **Activities Planned for Next Quarter**

- Continue data collection and plan update development, including water quality conditions, related local plans and policies, facility plans/capacities, and land use and growth projections. Integrate updated WI Department of Administration population projections with the future land use map and growth projections.
- Complete draft ESA definitions and ESA-related policies for WQM-TAC review.
- Conduct WQM-TAC Meetings #2 and #3 covering those topics envisioned in the project timeline as part of the funding proposal.
- Follow-up with WDNR is needed to obtain the CMAR and WPDES reports for the urban area
- Begin to prepare working draft SSA boundary.

## **Problems/Issues**

The project is behind schedule, though it may still be possible to complete the final draft plan for submittal to WDNR within 15 months as provided for in the original project timeline.

- Project timeline has been delayed and extra staff time required than anticipated due to additional needed education on SSA planning and some community concerns with the planning/study area boundary. To help remedy such concerns, a special meeting with WDNR Water Quality staff occurred on October 17.
- Have not yet been able to obtain CMAR and WPDES permit list or report summaries for the urban areas from WDNR. Need to discuss alternatives or clarify our request.