



OCTOBER 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.
- 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 – 12/31/24 (amendment of agreement period required)

Progress this Quarter (7/1/24 – 9/30/24)

- The first meeting of the Water Quality Management Technical Advisory Committee (WQM-TAC) was held, which included discussion on: an introduction to SSA planning, the project scope/process, challenges related to ESA policies, and the draft planning/study area.
- Community input on the draft planning/study area was invited.
- The MPO Policy Council (local water quality management advisory committee) approved a planning/study area.
- Communities continued to provide copies of relevant plans and policies.
- WCWRPC continued other data collection and the development of the SSA Plan update structure.

Activities Planned for Next Quarter

- Complete draft ESA definitions for WQM-TAC review (completed in October) and ESA-related policies (underway).
- Conduct a special meeting WQM-TAC Meeting with WDNR staff and request community review of draft ESA definition section (completed on 10/14). Compile and share Q&A notes from the WDNR discussion with communities (underway).
- Follow-up with WDNR is needed to obtain the CMAR and WPDES reports for the urban area
- Begin data collection and planning for WQM-TAC Meeting #3 to finalize ESA definitions, share ESA policies, discuss facility plans, regionalization issues/opportunities, and, as time allows, issues related plan implementation, environmental justice, and climate resilience. This meeting will likely occur in early 2025.
- Invoice WDNR for actions completed in 2024 and, as anticipated, request an extension of the grant timeline. (see problems/issues below).

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.
- Wisconsin DOA population projections have not yet been released, but are expected before the end of 2024. Related population and land use analysis and projections for the SSA Plan are being postponed.

WDNR – WCWRPC AID AGREEMENT
For the update of the
Hudson Urban Sewer Service Area (SSA) Plan
and the
Menomonie Urban Sewer Service (SSA) Plan

Project Goals

Both plans are very outdated and require comprehensive updates. The approach and scope will include the same project goals for the Chippewa Falls-Eau Claire Urban Area SSA Plan update, including updating content as described within NR 121.04 and NR 121.055.

Project Period per Aid Agreement

10/1/24 – 12/31/25

Progress this Quarter (7/1/24 – 9/30/24)

- WDNR – WCWRPC Aid Agreement executed on 9/12/24.
- WCWRPC executed subagreements with the cities of Hudson and Menomonie for their commitment to the project and to assist with project cost share.

Activities Planned for Next Quarter

- Request and obtain copies of related plans, policies, and mapping data from community/counties (underway).
- Contact WDNR to request the CMAR and WPDES reports for the urban areas
- Create a draft planning/study area discussion map.
- Initial meetings with key local contacts from each community to discuss scope, approach, timeline, and steering committees.
- Potentially conduct the initial WQM-TAC Meeting to set the planning/study area and commence with initial plan update discussions.

Problems/Issues

- None.