

Project Charter

2015 Waukesha County Stormwater Ordinance Update

Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use – Land Resources Division (LRD)

Objective:

By January 2016, update Waukesha County Code Chapter 14, Article VIII - Stormwater Management & Erosion Control Ordinance (“County Ordinance”) to: 1) comply with Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (“MS4”) permit and Authorized Local Program requirements under Chapter NR 216 Wis. Admin. Code; and 2) improve County Ordinance clarity, administration and enforcement. The Stormwater Advisory Committee (“SAC”) will serve as the principal advisor in updating the existing County Ordinance, as well as to provide review comments on proposed revisions to the County’s basement flooding prevention standards and the County’s model ordinance for stormwater best management practice (BMP) maintenance.

Note: This timeline allows other MS4 communities to consider using similar ordinance language in their own ordinance updates, which are generally due to be completed by March, 2016.

Storm Advisory Committee (SAC) membership:

Perry Lindquist - Waukesha County PLU/LRD – SAC Chair
Tim Barbeau - R.A. Smith and Associates/Municipal engineering
Amy Barrows - Waukesha County PLU/Planning & Zoning
David Buechl - City of Waukesha Engineering
Gary Evans - Waukesha County Dept. of Public Works/Engineering
Chris Genellie - Ruekert & Mielke/Municipal engineer
Gary Goodchild - We Energies/Waukesha Co. County Planning Commission
Laura Kletti - SEWRPC/Engineering
Brittany Hess - Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District
Tom Koepp - Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District
Maureen McBroom - WI Dept. of Natural Resources/Stormwater
Mark Mickelson - SEH/Municipal engineering
Bill Mitchell - Waukesha County Board/LUPE Committee
Tom Nelson - Village of Merton/Administration
John Siepmann - Siepmann Realty/MBA
Pete Wood - WI Dept. of Natural Resources/Stormwater

Project Overview/History:

This will be an update to the County Ordinance adopted by the Waukesha County Board in 2005. The previous version of the County Ordinance was repealed and recreated in 2005 to comply with DNR administrative rules and to address a number of County Ordinance administration and enforcement issues. Since 2005, the DNR has updated state stormwater management performance standards and other related requirements in NR 151, as well as the MS4 permit requirements under NR 216. The LRD has also maintained a redline copy of the County Ordinance since 2005, tracking suggestions for future revisions to clarify code requirements, address new issues that arise, and improve ordinance administration and enforcement. In 2010, the LRD was approved as an Authorized Local Program under NR 216, which also requires the County Ordinance to be updated. The LRD also prepared a model Stormwater BMP Maintenance Ordinance, which was presented during the annual stormwater workshop in 2010 and posted on the County web site ever since. This model ordinance was never reviewed by the SAC, but there is now more interest in the concept.

The SAC was formed in the mid 1990's to assist the County and DNR with developing a statewide model stormwater ordinance. The SAC was used extensively during the 2005 County Ordinance update process. The SAC was also incorporated into the 2005 County Ordinance language as an advisor to the County for future ordinance technical issues, administration and updates, and to facilitate intergovernmental cooperation on stormwater issues. The SAC last met in 2007 to assist with developing technical guidelines to enforce basement wetness and flooding prevention standards contained in the County Ordinance. The LRD has recently worked with the Metropolitan Builders Association (MBA) to develop some proposed modifications to these standards, which will also be reviewed by the SAC as part of this project.

Task list and Timeline:

| When | Task/Activity/Materials* |
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| July/August 2015 | County reviews codes/drafts Ordinance revisions Finalize SAC membership & set first meeting date Distribute Project Charter and existing materials to the SAC (background) |
| Late August, 2015 | Distribute proposed revisions to the County Ordinance and the Basement Wetness & Flooding Prevention standards to the SAC |
| September, 2015 | 1 st SAC meeting/provide review comments/make revisions as needed |
| October, 2015 | 2 nd SAC meeting/provide review comments/make revisions as needed |
| November, 2015 | 3 rd & final SAC meeting/complete drafting Ordinance updates Prepare summary of proposed Ordinance updates Post materials on County web site/distribute to partner municipalities |
| December, 2015 | Host informational meeting/public hearing on draft Ordinance updates Work with County Attorneys/submit Ordinance to County Board |
| January, 2015 | Present proposed Ordinance updates/summary to County LUPE Comm. County Board approval of Ordinance updates Post final revised Ordinance on County web page |
| April, 2016 | Review Ordinance updates at annual County Stormwater Workshop |

** The primary author of the materials to be reviewed by the SAC is Perry Lindquist, (Land Resources Manager). Technical assistance is provided by Leif Hauge (Senior Civil Engineer) and Alan Barrows (Senior Conservation Specialist). SAC meeting minutes will be recorded by Rebecca Mattano (Solid Waste Supervisor). Legal counsel is provided by Eric Weidig (Principal Assistant County Corporation Counsel).*