



Department Source: City Utilities - Sewer/Stormwater

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: February 7, 2022

Re: Setting a Public Hearing – Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System permit required Stormwater Management Program and Plan

## Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration, a resolution to set a public hearing for March 7, 2022, concerning the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System permit required Stormwater Management Program and Plan. The City of Columbia has a joint Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit # MO-0136557, with Boone County and the University of Missouri. As part of that MS4 permit, a Stormwater Management Program and Plan are required and was prepared per the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR).

## Discussion

Since 2003, the City, Boone County and the University of Missouri have been co-permitted as a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) per the Clean Water Act National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). A Stormwater Management Program/Plan (SWMP) has been required by MDNR every permit cycle. Additionally, an annual report on the status of the SWMP has been required and provided to MDNR. The annual report notes progress towards goals and ensure compliance with requirements outlined in the Clean Water Act regulations and SWMP. Every five (5) years the Stormwater Management Plan is required to be updated. Staff of the City of Columbia, Boone County, and University of Missouri have worked together to update the Stormwater Management Plan. Permit requirements now include a 30-day public review process for the Stormwater Management Plan.

The draft Stormwater Management Plan was posted on the University of Missouri website at [ehs.missouri.edu/env/swmp](https://ehs.missouri.edu/env/swmp) on December 10, 2021, with an accompanying press release. The website has the ability to accept comments, which were received through January 26, 2022. Additionally, a press release was issued on December 17, 2021 to notify the public of the public notice period and the public meeting held on January 19, 2022. All comments on the Stormwater Management Plan have been received and appropriate responses will be prepared. Staff felt it appropriate to provide an additional City Council public hearing opportunity for this plan.

The plan describes the programs, practices, and goals for addressing the water-quality impacts of stormwater runoff over the next five years to comply with the entities' joint Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, which is delegated authority by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Stormwater Management Plan describes the approach for reducing pollutants in stormwater runoff through the following measures:

- Public education and outreach.



- Public involvement and participation.
- Illicit discharge detection and elimination.
- Construction site stormwater runoff controls.
- Post-construction stormwater management in new development and redevelopment.
- Pollution prevention and good housekeeping for municipal operations.

Many of the programs included are well-established and do not represent major changes from the previous years. In some program areas, new goals have been included based on identified needs and priorities. The format of the plan is prescribed by MDNR.

## Fiscal Impact

**Short-Term Impact:** The annual operating budgets for multiple Departments includes the cost to implement this plan. The revisions to the plan are not anticipated to result in additional fiscal impact.

**Long-Term Impact:** The annual operating budgets for multiple Departments includes the cost to implement this plan. The revisions to the plan are not anticipated to result in additional fiscal impact.

## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

### Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Reliable Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

### Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Environmental Management, Tertiary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation

## Legislative History

Date	Action
01/26/2022	Public comment period closed.
01/19/2022	Interested Parties Meeting
12/17/2021	Press Release: Interested Parties meeting scheduled to discuss Stormwater Management Plan
12/10/2021	Press Release: City of Columbia Utilities seeks comments on Stormwater Management Plan
07/01/2020	Missouri State Operating Permit #MO-0136557 issued.

## Suggested Council Action

Authorize the Resolution to set a public hearing on March 7, 2022 to receive comments on the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System permit required Storm water Management Program and Plan.