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Ald. Marcus West, Chair  
Finance & Personnel Committee  
Racine, WI

Re: Grant Control #00553 – UNPS&SW Grant for Uptown Racine Green Alley & Bio-Retention

Dear Alder West:

The City of Racine is desirous of installing green alleys and other green infrastructure in Uptown Racine. The proposed project is located in alley rights-of-way and a City-owned parking lot south of Washington Avenue between Owen and Junction Avenues. The City intends to pursue a WDNR Urban Non-Point Source & Storm Water (UNPS&SW) Grant in April 2024 to partially fund this project approved in the 2024-33 CIP. If the City is awarded the grant, bidding and construction would occur in 2025.

On January 16, 2024, the Common Council approved a professional services agreement with AECOM for tasks that include Site Survey, Geotechnical/Environmental Investigation, Plans & Specifications Preparation, Grant Application Administration and Meetings.

The maximum UNPS&SW grant amount available is \$150,000 and requires a local match equal to the grant. If the grant is awarded, funding for the local match will be made available in the 2025 Storm Water Utility budget in Org-Obj 60484 – 57570.

If the committee agrees, the appropriate action would be to authorize the Commissioner of Public Works to apply for the WDNR UNPS&SW Grant.

Sincerely,

John C. Rooney, P.E.  
Commissioner of Public Works

Cc: Mayor Cory Mason  
Paul Vornholt  
Kathleen Fischer  
Ron Pritzlaff  
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