



# SOUTHEAST GATEWAY GROUP

## OF THE SIERRA CLUB

Richard Jones  
Commissioner of Public Works  
City Hall Room 303  
730 Washington Avenue  
Racine, WI. 53403

Dear Mr. Jones,

Sierra Club, Southeast Gateway Group (SEGG) is interested in assisting the City of Racine in reducing storm water runoff and municipal water use for lawns and gardens. One way to accomplish those goals is promoting the use of rain barrels. These simple devices gather rain water from downspouts for later use. Through a typical Wisconsin season, a rain barrel can store and release 1300 gallons of water. While this seems like a small number relative to a large rain storm, we believe that if a significant number of rain barrels are installed they can make a difference. Promoting rain barrels will also lead to other educational opportunities regarding storm water runoff (include "What's new with storm water" brochure with each barrel?) and will benefit the City's NR216 Storm Water Discharge Permit requirements. Of course, saving money by watering with rain barrel water instead of municipal water is also an incentive to residents.

Sierra Club, SEGG Executive Committee has approved our proposed collaboration and agreement that:

- City purchases rain barrels from manufacturer and provides them to residents for whatever price it determines.
- City and SEGG jointly promote project.
- City will pay for advertising.
- Citizens can pick up barrel to install themselves or contact Sierra Club, SEGG for delivery and/or installation for a standard fee.

We're looking forward to working with the City on this project and continuing the others where we're collaborating with the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Sincerely,



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