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April 1, 2016

Honorable Mayor and Members of the Common Council  
City of Racine  
Racine City Hall  
730 Washington Avenue  
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Dear Mayor and Council Members:

I hereby request permission to enter into a Cooperative Agreement (#G16AC00046) between the United States Geological Survey and the City of Racine, in the amount of \$29,603.35.

The USGS Great Lakes Science Center, Lake Michigan Ecological Research Station will collaborate with the City of Racine to establish historic trends and potential improvements in nearshore water quality at Great Lakes Beaches in Wisconsin and assistance with additional samples to verify trends and to improve monitoring evaluation through the use of molecular techniques. The outcome of the collaboration will provide needed information on the success of restoration activities as well as guidance for shoreline communities around the Great Lakes.

The goal of this project is to evaluate the effectiveness of several best management practices at reducing microbial contamination of Great Lakes beaches.

The contract period is April 1, 2016 and continues through December 31, 2018.

There is no match required of the City. Grant control number 00079.

Respectfully submitted,

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