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

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

Re: Grant Control #00552 -TRM 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 Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) 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 TRM grant amount available is \$225,000 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 TRM 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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