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Committee: Board of Public Works	BPW Meeting Date: 2/19/2026
ID Number: ID#26-03023	Ordinance/Resolution Number (if applicable): N/A
Department Submitting: Department of Public Works	Common Council Meeting Date: 3/3/2026
Agenda Item Title: Review and possible action on Resolution to authorize the submittal of a WDNR Municipal Flood Control Grant for design and construction of flood mitigation infrastructure in the Deer Path subdivision.	

Issue Before the Council:

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) offers Municipal Flood Control grants. These grants are offered to municipalities to help protect life, health, and property from flood damages and proactively mitigate the impacts of a changing climate; reduce flood hazard vulnerabilities; and improve the resilience and preparedness of Wisconsin municipalities. These grants are competitive and require a minimum 50% match from the local municipality. A requirement of the application and selection process is a local Resolution authorizing the submittal and a commitment of the 50% funding match. This grant would be utilized for the design and construction of flood mitigation infrastructure in the Deer Path subdivision to reduce street flooding and related residential structure damage. The maximum individual grant award this application cycle is \$600,000.

Options & Alternatives:

1. Approve the Resolution.
2. Not approve the Resolution. If the Resolution is not approved, the City would not be able to receive award of the grant if the project is selected.

Additional Details:

An extraordinary August 2025 rainfall event triggered extensive street flooding in Deer Path Ct. and in the low section in Hunter Rd. which resulted in significant flooding damage to approximately nine residential structures on Hunter Rd. and Foxcroft Ln. An engineering analysis determined that both Deer Path Ct. & the low section of Hunter Rd. lack dedicated overland flow relief and have less than the desired structure flood protection height. Design and construction of 100-yr sewers would provide structure protection of least 1-foot from street flooding in Deer Path Ct. up to the 1000-yr storm while providing structure protection of least 1-foot from street flooding along Hunter Rd. up to the 100-year storm.

What is the Strategic Plan Priority this item relates to:

Financial Sustainability

What impact will this item have on the Strategic Plan Priority?

If a Municipal Flood Control grant is granted, it will reduce levy-supported capital investment by up to \$600,000.

Financial Remarks:

The local cost share amount of the project, estimated to be approximately \$1,100,000 if the full \$600,000 individual grant amount is awarded, would be included in a future CIP budget for the 2027-2028 fiscal years. This project is not programmed currently within the 5-year CIP.

Recommended Motion:

Move to approve a Resolution to authorize the submittal of a WDNR Municipal Flood Control Grant for design and construction of flood mitigation infrastructure in the Deer Path subdivision.

Reviewed By:

City Attorney Brian Running	Date Reviewed
Finance Director Joseph P. Ciarro	Date Reviewed
City Administrator Anthony W. Brown	Date Reviewed

RESOLUTION 2026-2

FOR

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A STATE GRANT APPLICATION BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THE SUBSEQUENT APPROPRIATION OF CITY OF WAUKESHA FUNDS FOR A MUNICIPAL FLOOD CONTROL GRANT PROJECT FOR DEER PATH SUBDIVISION FLOOD MITIGATION

WHEREAS the City of Waukesha is qualified, willing and able to carry out all activities described in the state grant application; and,

WHEREAS in this action the City of Waukesha Common Council has declared its intent to conduct the Municipal Flood Control Grant project described in the application; and,

WHEREAS the City of Waukesha will allow employees from the Department of Natural Resources access to inspect grant project sites; and,

WHEREAS the City of Waukesha will maintain records documenting all expenditures made during the Municipal Flood Control Grant project; and,

WHEREAS the City of Waukesha will submit a final report to the Department which describes all Municipal Flood Control Grant project activities, achievements and data collected, and documentation of the project costs.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT:

The City of Waukesha Common Council requests the funds and assistance available from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources under the Municipal Flood Control Grant Program and will comply with state rules for the program, and,

HEREBY AUTHORIZES the Director of Public Works to act on behalf of the City of Waukesha to submit an application to the State of Wisconsin for financial aid for Municipal Flood Control protection purposes, sign documents, and take necessary action to undertake, direct, and complete an approved flood control project.

Adopted this day _____ of _____, 2026

By a vote of : _____ in favor, _____ against, and _____ abstain

Shawn N. Reilly
Mayor

Katie L. Panella
City Clerk