

**MINUTES**  
**SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**PLANNING AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

1:30 p.m.

Meeting Occurred Virtually via Video and Telephone Conference

**Present:**

**Excused:**

Commissioners:

Daniel S. Schmidt, Chairman  
Jose Delgado, Vice-Chairman  
Donna Brown-Martin  
Charles L. Colman  
Michael A. Crowley  
Mary Knipper  
Theodore Lipscomb, Sr.  
Robert W. Pitts  
Jennifer K. Rothstein  
Adam Tindall-Schlicht  
Jeffrey D. Schleif

James A. Ladwig  
Peggy L. Shumway  
Steve Bostrom  
Aloysius Nelson  
David L. Stroik

Staff:

Kevin J. Muhs	Executive Director
Benjamin R. McKay	Deputy Director
Elizabeth A. Larsen	Director of Administration

**ROLL CALL**

Chairman Schmidt called the Planning and Research Committee meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared present. Chairman Schmidt indicated for the record that Commissioners Bostrom, Ladwig, Nelson, Shumway, and Stroik had asked to be excused.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MAY 26, 2020, MEETING**

Chairman Schmidt asked if there were any changes or additions to the May 26, 2020, meeting minutes. There were none.

On a motion by Mr. Pitts, seconded by Ms. Rothstein, and carried unanimously, the minutes of the May 26, 2020, Planning and Research Committee Meeting were approved.

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**CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO THE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Chairman Schmidt asked Mr. McKay to review with the Committee the proposed amendment to the adopted regional water quality management plan pertaining to the Yorkville sanitary sewer service area. A copy of the preliminary draft of a SEWRPC Staff Memorandum dated June 2020 concerning this matter had been provided to the Committee members for review prior to this meeting.

Mr. McKay indicated that by letter dated December 8, 2019, the Village of Yorkville requested that the Commission undertake the refinement and detailing of the sanitary sewer service area tributary to the Yorkville Sewer Utility District No. 1 sewage treatment facility. He stated that the purpose of the refinement is to comprehensively review the sewer service needs of lands envisioned to be a tributary to the Yorkville Sewer Utility District No. 1 sewerage treatment facility. Factors taken into account in determining the refined sanitary sewer service area include the existing boundaries of Yorkville Sewer Utility District No.1, the Village comprehensive plan, and VISION 2050.

Mr. McKay directed the attention of the Committee members to Map 2.1, which identifies the proposed changes to the Yorkville Sewer Utility District No. 1 planned sanitary sewer service area. He stated that the area proposed to be added by the Village is an increase of 356 acres in size and represents an increase in the planned sewer service area of about 38 percent. With the additional acreage, the total refined sewer service area would be 1,294 acres, with environmentally significant lands encompassing about 140 acres, developed lands encompassing about 714 acres, and agricultural and open lands encompassing about 413 acres. He then noted that future development in the proposed addition to the service area would consist primarily of business park and industrial uses under the Village comprehensive plan.

He then directed the attention of the Committee members to Map 2.2, and stated that the planned sanitary sewer service area does not include any primary environmental corridors. He noted that there are secondary environmental corridors, isolated natural resource areas, and small wetlands and surface water areas less than five acres in size located outside the environmental corridors and isolated natural resource areas.

Mr. McKay stated that a cost-effectiveness analysis of sewerage conveyance had been conducted by a Village consultant and three treatment alternatives for serving the refined sewer service area were evaluated by the Village of Yorkville because the wastewater flows are expected to exceed the capacity of the treatment plant before the design year of the plan. Modifying the existing Yorkville treatment facility was identified as the most cost-effective, and therefore recommended alternative. He noted that the facility currently has a design capacity of 0.15 million gallons per day (mgd) and the total average annual sewage flow would range from 0.25 mgd to 0.44 mgd following the development of the proposed sewer service area.

He then said that there were no public comments received at the public hearing held on July 13, 2020, and the amendment is consistent with the land use component of the VISION 2050, with the regional water quality management plan, and with Chapter NR 121 of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code* governing the preparation of areawide water quality management plans.

Mr. McKay stated that it is recommended that the Committee recommend that the Commission formally amend the Yorkville Sewer Utility District No. 1 sanitary sewer service area. Upon approval the amendment will go to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) for approval and the WDNR will then provide the amendment to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for certification.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Colman concerning how Evans Park is shown on Map 2.2, Mr. McKay stated that Map 2.2 indicates that the park falls in a secondary environmental corridor.

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In response to an inquiry by Ms. Rothstein concerning potential development of environmentally significant lands, Mr. McKay stated that the plan does not permit the extension of sanitary sewers to serve certain portions of the secondary environmental corridor or the isolated natural resource area.

In response to an additional inquiry by Mr. Colman, Mr. McKay stated that the treatment alternative to connect the Yorkville service area to the City of Racine treatment facility was more costly than modifying the current Yorkville treatment facility because the Village would need to join the Racine Area Intergovernmental Sanitary Sewer Service, Revenue Sharing, and Cooperation and Settlement Agreement, which would have a number of associated costs. Mr. Muhs added that this alternative would also require the Yorkville water utility to join the Intergovernmental Retail Water Agreement between the City of Racine and the Village of Mount Pleasant.

There being no further questions or comments, on a motion by Mr. Schleif, seconded by Mr. Pitts, and carried unanimously, the refinement of the Yorkville Sewer Utility District No. 1 sanitary sewer service area was recommended to be considered for approval by the Commission.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Planning and Research Committee will be held November 10, 2020.

**CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Muhs stated there was no correspondence or announcements.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on a motion by Mr. Colman, seconded by Mr. Pitts, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin J. Muhs  
Deputy Secretary

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