

Stormwater

Agency Budget by Fund

Fund	2022 Actual	2023 Adopted	2023 Actual	2024 Adopted	2025 C2C	2025 Request
Stormwater Utility	22,448,282	20,632,540	45,846,038	21,999,025	21,999,025	22,540,563
Total	\$ 22,448,282	\$ 20,632,540	\$ 45,846,038	\$ 21,999,025	\$ 21,999,025	\$ 22,540,563

Agency Budget by Service

Service	2022 Actual	2023 Adopted	2023 Actual	2024 Adopted	2025 C2C	2025 Request
Stormwater Engineering And Adm	19,092,550	16,239,869	42,128,618	17,420,096	17,311,484	17,464,703
Stormwater Operations	3,355,732	4,392,671	3,717,420	4,578,928	4,687,541	5,075,860
Total	\$ 22,448,282	\$ 20,632,540	\$ 45,846,038	\$ 21,999,025	\$ 21,999,025	\$ 22,540,563

Agency Budget by Major-Revenue

Major Revenue	2022 Actual	2023 Adopted	2023 Actual	2024 Adopted	2025 C2C	2025 Request
Intergov Revenues	(71,170)	-	(1,122,481)	-	-	(1,250)
Charges For Services	(18,822,447)	(19,749,380)	(20,094,631)	(20,881,985)	(20,881,985)	(21,116,298)
Licenses And Permits	(1,900)	(2,500)	(700)	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)
Fine Forfeiture Asmt	(923,292)	(555,040)	(302,020)	(555,040)	(555,040)	(555,040)
Invest Other Contrib	(258,918)	(87,200)	(806,760)	(360,000)	(360,000)	(715,000)
Misc Revenue	(1,163)	-	(33,389)	-	-	(975)
Other Finance Source	(1,403,556)	(238,420)	(21,479,411)	(200,000)	(200,000)	(150,000)
Transfer In	(965,837)	-	(2,006,646)	-	-	-
Total	\$ (22,448,282)	\$ (20,632,540)	\$ (45,846,038)	\$ (21,999,025)	\$ (21,999,025)	\$ (22,540,563)

Agency Budget by Major-Expense

Major Expense	2022 Actual	2023 Adopted	2023 Actual	2024 Adopted	2025 C2C	2025 Request
Salaries	3,032,028	3,878,607	3,282,082	4,198,867	4,352,040	4,323,720
Benefits	969,602	1,586,304	1,488,703	1,622,748	1,690,771	1,690,895
Supplies	284,599	451,220	395,278	398,200	398,200	430,000
Purchased Services	2,327,333	3,344,878	2,508,071	2,886,428	2,886,939	2,882,546
Debt Othr Financing	15,054,755	10,010,191	37,556,631	11,026,512	10,822,897	11,221,424
Inter Depart Charges	1,141,049	1,176,340	1,040,953	1,254,071	1,235,978	1,216,978
Inter Depart Billing	(408,926)	(420,000)	(425,996)	(425,000)	(425,000)	(425,000)
Transfer Out	47,843	605,000	316	1,037,200	1,037,200	1,200,000
Total	\$ 22,448,282	\$ 20,632,540	\$ 45,846,038	\$ 21,999,025	\$ 21,999,025	\$ 22,540,563

TO: Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway
FROM: Jim Wolfe, City Engineer
DATE: July 19, 2024
SUBJECT: 2025 Operating Budget Transmittal Memo
CC: Deputy Mayors; Finance Director, Budget & Program Evaluation Staff

Goals of Agency's Operating Budget

The Stormwater Utility provides services for planning, design, review, construction, and maintenance of the City's storm system. The storm system includes 500+ miles of storm sewer pipe and box culverts, 26,000+ inlets, 88 miles of open channels (both ditches and greenways), ~300 wet and dry detention ponds, and 600+ biofiltration devices and raingardens, along with a variety of other treatment devices, such as catchbasins, screen structures, etc.

The Stormwater Utility's goals are to:

- Reduce flooding and improve the quality of our lakes and streams.
- Increase our resiliency and ability to recover from more frequent, intense wet weather events resulting from climate change.
- Assure compliance with the Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System discharge permit and enforce the technical aspects of the City's Municipal Governing Ordinance Chapter 37.
- Provide habitat for pollinators and other wildlife and improve biodiversity.

A key focus of the Stormwater Utility's work plan is the continuation of the Watershed Study program. This program is working to identify the potential for flooding city-wide through public engagement and stormwater modeling, which is a more equitable approach than solely relying on complaints to identify problematic areas. The studies then include proposed solutions to help address anticipated flooding issues in each watershed, including reducing the number of structures potentially flooded and impacts to streets, especially along key transit and emergency vehicle corridors. These studies will help guide priorities for future capital investments to help make our City more resilient to the impacts of climate change.

Under capital projects, the stormwater utility has installed a number of stormwater treatment devices (structures, infiltration basins, etc.), which help reach the regulatory requirements on removing phosphorus from stormwater. All of these devices require maintenance to ensure they're functioning properly, and this Operating Budget provides the necessary resources to continue that work. This Operating Budget also covers the costs to continue the City's street sweeping program, and this has proven to be another effective measure to help reach those regulatory requirements.

Enterprise Agencies

With this Operating Budget, the Stormwater Utility would propose a 2% increase to rates for 2025, which is an increase of approximately \$0.25/month for the average customer. The primary reasons for the increase are staff salaries and street sweeping charging. The Stormwater Utility continues to work towards finding efficiencies while remaining mindful of long-term operating costs related to the maintenance of stormwater infrastructure installed with capital projects. Additionally, the Stormwater Utility is also working within the Engineering Division to expand our use of the Autodesk Construction Cloud technology to help improve efficiency and reduce redundant, manual tasks.

The Stormwater Utility is partner in the Madison Customer Assistance Program (MadCAP), and the goal of this program is to help reduce utility rates for residents with lower incomes. As this program was new in 2023, we will continue to draw awareness to this program and hope to reach as many eligible residents as possible.

Reallocations and Other Changes (if applicable)

Engineering has a couple of budget neutral proposed position reclassifications. Neither position is fully funded out of the Stormwater Utility, but each position does have a Stormwater Utility allocation. These positions also appear within the other relevant proposed Operating Budgets for Engineering.

- Recreate Public Works General Supervisor (18/10) as an Engineering Operations Manager (18/15) – position would create clearer line of communication and collaboration between Operations and Engineering management and will also provide for the ability to adequately succession plan for near future retirement of leadership with adding more complexity and responsibility to the role.
- Recreate Surveyor 2 (18/8) as GIS Specialist 2 (18/8)

2025 Operating Budget Service Budget Proposal Form

Part 1. Identifying Information

Select your Agency:	Stormwater
Enter your Service:	Stormwater Engineering And Admin

Please provide an updated Service Description below.

If this is an existing service, please see the “Service Description” in the [2024 Adopted Budget](#). Write “No change needed,” if applicable. Otherwise, please provide a complete updated description.

If this is a new service due to the agency’s Results Madison restructure, please provide a 2-4 sentence description of the service and its goals.

Updated Service Description:

No change needed.

Please provide updated Activities Performed by Service.

If this is an existing service, please see the “Activities Performed by Service” in the [2024 Adopted Budget](#). Write “No change needed,” if applicable. Otherwise, please provide a complete updated list of activities.

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Updated Activities Performed by Service:

- Flood Mitigation & Resiliency: Watershed study management including data collection, modeling, development, and prioritization of engineering solutions.
- Green infrastructure design, construction, management, and community engagement.
- Utility Management & Administration: Plan, direct, and implement storm water infrastructure design, construction, operations, and maintenance. Oversee Utility administrative and technical activities.
- Design: Planning, technical design, project management, and preparation of construction plans and specifications for replacement or rehabilitation of aging storm sewer infrastructure and implementation of flood mitigation solutions, including public engagement and outreach.
- Construction Inspection: Manage storm sewer construction of Public Works projects.
- GIS: Create and maintain stormwater infrastructure assets in GIS for asset and work order management and create and maintain data for stormwater billing, land management, green infrastructure tracking, permitting, analysis, public and internal web mapping applications and flood and water quality modeling.
- Permit Compliance: Manage and track the SWU requirements for compliance with the WPDE/MS4 permit and provide report and modeling efforts.

Part 2. Base Budget Proposal: Significant Changes (\$10,000 or more)

Agencies can propose net neutral reallocations within their budget but must explain changes of \$10,000 or more at the **Major level**.

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- Moving \$10,000+ from one Major to another Major

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If the proposed changes are a technical correction to the agency’s base budget, simply state that the change is a correction/adjustment in the narrative questions below.

Summary Table of Major Changes of \$10,000 or More

Complete the table below to detail changes at the Major level and answer the narrative questions to describe your changes. **If there are no significant changes, skip this section**

Fund	Major	\$ Change	Description
2120 - STORMWATER UTILITY	54 - PURCHASED SERVICES	-\$407,110	Reduction of \$400,000 under Consulting Services due to wrapping up the watershed studies. This amount was reallocated to the other budget service to do maintenance dredging of stormwater ponds.
2120 - STORMWATER UTILITY	56 - DEBT OTHR FINANCING	-\$299,195	Reduction in Principal and Interest due to lower than normal borrowing for 2024. Unspent proceeds from prior borrowing will be used instead to fund most of the capital work in 2024.
2120 - STORMWATER UTILITY	57 - INTER DEPART CHARGES	-\$18,620	Reduction in Inter-D Charges from Water Utility reflective of updated MOU between the two agencies
2120 - STORMWATER UTILITY	59 - TRANSFER OUT	-\$37,200	Reduction in Transfer Out to Capital due to nothing budgeted for Orthos or Waste Oil in the 2025 Engineering Other Capital Budget
2120 - STORMWATER UTILITY	59 - TRANSFER OUT	\$200,000	Increase in Transfer Out to Capital related to Assessments. Utilities front the cost of assessments until paid by citizens over the life of the districts.
2120 - STORMWATER UTILITY	46 - INVEST OTHER CONTRIB	-\$355,000	Increase to Interest Income reflective of current experience
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Explain the impact of the proposed change(s). Will there be a change to current activities or service levels? Why is this change needed in the 2025 budget?

No expected impact

Explain how your proposed change(s) will align with your draft 2024-2025 Department Equity Action Plan. Will the change(s) address specific inequities or advance other equity goals? Is the change related to a Neighborhood Resource Team (NRT) recommendation? Be as specific as possible.

Click or tap here to enter text.

Part 3. Personnel Changes

All proposed personnel changes must be submitted for review, even if the change is net neutral. Agencies should contact their HR Analyst to discuss proposed changes prior to submitting their request. **If you are not submitting personnel changes, skip this section.**

Allocation Changes: Does your proposal change the position allocations of existing positions?

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If yes, complete the "Position Allocation Change Form" and submit as part of your proposal.

Reclassifications: Does your proposal reclassify existing positions?

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*If yes, provide the position number and briefly describe the change:
PCN 4805 from Water Resource Spec 2 to Water Resource Spec 3 as a career ladder progression.*

of FTEs: Does your proposal change the total number of FTE positions?

- No – No change to # of FTEs
 Yes – Includes proposed change to # of FTEs

**Note: If "Yes," the proposed change must be net neutral to the target budget, and salary and benefits must be considered when computing the cost of the change.*

If yes, provide the position classification and briefly describe the change:

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Consistent with plan

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2120 - STORMWATER UTILITY	51 - SALARIES	-\$50,000	Decrease in Overtime based on recent experience
2120 - STORMWATER UTILITY	53 - SUPPLIES	\$40,000	Increase in Work Supplies reflective of price increases that have been experienced lately.
2120 - STORMWATER UTILITY	54 - PURCHASED SERVICES	\$390,000	Increase in Plant in Service (54445) for maintenance dredging of ponds. This is a reallocation of budget from Service 841.
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Allocation changes do not impact current activities or service levels. Needed in 2025 to reflect work assigned to affected positions.

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No impact on Equity Action Plan.