

August 28, 2003

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Subject: Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement
With the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District

Dear Council Members:

The Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) has jurisdiction over the Menomonee River in Milwaukee County. The MMSD has developed and is implementing a project in the vicinity of Hart Park in the City of Wauwatosa to eliminate or reduce flooding in the area. During the preliminary engineering phase of the project, it was determined that the City of Milwaukee's Lower Hawley Road Bridge is hydraulically inadequate to permit the required flows through this portion of the river. As a result, the MMSD's project plan calls for the removal of the bridge.

We have determined that the bridge can be removed, provided certain conditions are met. The MMSD has proposed an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement to formalize the respective responsibilities of the City and the MMSD. The agreement satisfactorily addresses our concerns with respect to content. The City Attorney's office is currently reviewing the document with respect to its form.

Accordingly, we have prepared, and recommend adoption of the attached resolution which authorizes and directs the Commissioner of Public Works to execute the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey S. Polenske, P.E.
City Engineer

Mariano A. Schifalacqua
Commissioner of Public Works

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Attachments