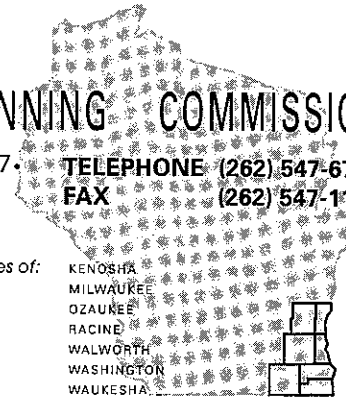


SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Mr. Ronald D. Leonhardt
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Dear Mayor and President and Members of the City of Milwaukee Common Council:

In accordance with Section 66.0309(10) of the *Wisconsin Statutes* and consistent with the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission's role as a State-designated and Federally-recognized areawide water quality planning agency under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972, as amended, we are hereby transmitting one certified copy of SEWRPC Planning Report No. 50 entitled, *A Regional Water Quality Management Plan Update for the Greater Milwaukee Watersheds*, published in two parts. On December 5, 2007, the Commission adopted this plan as a major amendment to the regional water quality management plan and as part of the master plan for the physical development of the Region. A certified copy of Commission Resolution No. 2007-21 adopting the plan amendment is bound into the front of the first part of the report. We are also providing one copy of the Plan Summary.

The City is one of many designated management agencies with roles in plan implementation. It is respectfully requested that, upon the recommendation of appropriate committees, the Common Council endorse the water quality management plan update as a basis for decision-making in water quality matters dealing with 1) abatement of both point and nonpoint sources of water pollution; 2) improvement of instream, inlake, and riparian habitat; and 3) management of groundwater, and provide the Commission with the resolution of endorsement. A model resolution for plan endorsement that can be adapted for your use is included as Appendix T in Part Two of the report. City endorsement of the plan is important to help assure a common understanding among the various levels and agencies of government concerned with the many different aspects of regional water quality management and the physical development of the Region and to enable work to continue on plan implementation.

The Southeastern Wisconsin Watersheds Trust (SWWT) is a voluntary organization that has been formed to promote watershed-based implementation of the plan, to involve all stakeholders in plan implementation, and to assist designated management agencies with plan implementation. The City is encouraged to actively participate in SWWT. More information on SWWT can be found at www.swwtwater.org.

The study report is published on the Commission web site (www.sewrpc.org, under "Data and Publications"). Limited additional printed or compact disk copies are available upon request. If the Commission or its staff can be of any assistance to the City in its consideration of the plan, please do not hesitate to contact Michael G. Hahn of the Commission staff at (262) 547-6721.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas H. Buestrin".

Thomas H. Buestrin
Chairman

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Enclosures