



Staff Report

Department: Administration

Staff contact: Michael Saunders, Planner/Assistant Town Administrator

Agenda title: Consideration of a proposal to proceed with application for NC Dept of Environmental Quality 205j grant to fund 90% of stormwater system inventory

Requested action: Approve proposal to proceed with application for Grant 205j

SUMMARY

The Town of Woodfin has been approached by Land of Sky Regional Council. They would like to create online, interactive, stormwater system inventories for Woodfin. The system would also help us with compliance for our stormwater system. It would act as an online, interactive, stormwater system inventory. There would be an integrated system for tracking inspections and maintenance which will be greatly helpful when doing the yearly self-audit. It would make things easier on the stormwater administrator due to public works being able to update parts of the system from their smart phones while out in the field.

This project - French Broad River Watershed Stormwater Inventories and Information Management Systems - requires the following actions:

1. Apply for grant 205j
2. Match \$1,287.67 Fee

With the approval of this grant and the match of \$1,287.67 Land of Sky Regional Council will apply for the grant for us and map out our stormwater system while integrating and interactive map that can be updated by our frontline public works department after the system is finished.

This would be a very beneficial project to the Town with the coming Greenway Blueway Project.

BUDGET IMPACT

The budget impact is very minimal on this item \$1,287.67 for FY2021. If awarded a budget amendment will be requested at that time.

RECOMMENDATION

I recommend the board approve moving forward with this grant application this would help facilitate and update the current system we have in place for stormwater. I believe it will be very beneficial to our stormwater program and our soon to be river parks. Controlling stormwater can have a significant impact on our parks. Stormwater management is an essential aspect of improving water quality and ensuring a safe environment and accessing the river.

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