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From: Dan Glynn, Parks & Recreation Director

Subject: Yahara River Whitewater Park

Neighbors of Riverside Park,

The City has hired an engineering firm to provide a conceptual plan for a whitewater park in the Yahara River. After analyzing the river and dam, we have decided the best direction to move forward would be to create a bypass channel south of the dam in Riverside Park. A bypass channel would allow for paddlers to avoid portaging around the dam and would allow for fish passage. The bypass channel would preserve the scenic beauty of the millpond and the river width in downtown Stoughton by maintaining water levels upstream of the dam consistent to what they currently are.

Excavation would be needed to create the bypass channel. The water level in the bypass channel would be below the ground height and a vegetative buffer would be created between your home and the park resulting in visual separation from the bypass channel. I have included a draft of the concept plan for the site.

After researching these projects across the country, I believe this will help Stoughton economically by bringing families into our community to enjoy the park as well as all that Stoughton has to offer. I am confident that this will provide a unique recreational opportunity for those living in Stoughton and those coming to visit. The park will also enhance current recreational use in the river such as fishing, kayaking or tubing through the whitewater park. The depth and complexity of the rapids within the park is intended to make this a fun, family experience.

Please feel free to call or e-mail with any questions or if you would like to learn more about Stoughton's whitewater park. We are in the planning phase of the project and would appreciate your input. You can reach me at 873-6746 or dglynn@ci.stoughton.wi.us.

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RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

Authorizing the submittal of a Wisconsin DNR Stewardship Fund grant application by the Parks & Recreation Director.

Committee Action:

Fiscal Impact:

File Number:	**Date Introduced:** April 24, 2018

WHEREAS the City of Stoughton believes itself to be qualified, and is willing and able to carry out all activities described in the state grant application; and,

WHEREAS in this action the City of Stoughton has declared its intent to conduct the Yahara River Development project described in the application; and,

WHEREAS in this action the City of Stoughton will, upon an award and acceptance of the grant, agree to the terms of the grant;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Stoughton to requests the funds and assistance available from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources under the Stewardship Local Assistance Grant Program and will comply with state rules for the program, and,

HEREBY AUTHORIZES the Parks & Recreation Director to act on behalf of the City of Stoughton to submit and sign an application to the State of Wisconsin for financial aid for Stewardship Fund purposes, sign related documents, and

HEREBY AUTHORIZES the Parks & Recreation Director to act on behalf of the City of Stoughton to sign the grant agreement if the grant funds are awarded.

Council Action: ☐ **Adopted** ☐ **Failed** **Vote** _____

Mayoral Action: ☐ **Accept** ☐ **Veto**

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Tim Swadley, Mayor Date

Council Action: _____ ☐ **Override** **Vote** _____