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**CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL**

**Agenda Item J  
October 25, 2010**

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Resolution to dissolve the Stormwater Management and Watershed Stewardship Committee.

**SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT:** Department of Public Services, Engineering Division *BIC*

**CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:** *AMD RJA*

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Storm Water Management and Watershed Stewardship Committee was formed in 2000 with the goal of helping to shape the City's storm water management policies and to manage other related storm water issues (see attached July 24, 2000 resolution). The committee served a valuable role in the development and adoption of the City's Stormwater Management Ordinance in 2002.

The City established an Engineering Division in late 2002 that now manages the majority of the Committee's intended functions. Since that time, the initial charge of the Stormwater Management and Watershed Committee has been completed by staff. Specifically, the Engineering Division:

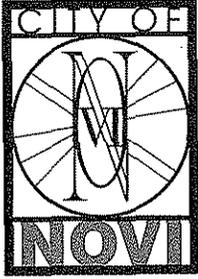
- Manages periodic reviews of the Storm Water Master Plan (updated in 2005 and 2007),
- Conducts periodic reviews of the City's ordinances (last updated in 2007),
- Actively participates in the subwatershed management plan development (Aaron Staup of the Engineering Division is actively involved as the Novi delegate to the Alliance of Rouge Communities),
- Coordinates with several other City departments to communicate stormwater management goals with the public and enforce the City's storm water programs, ordinances, and policies.

In the past five years, there has been relatively low level of interest and attendance at committee meetings (as described in the attached October 6, 2010 memo from Rob Hayes), which is partly attributed to Engineering's greater role as it relates to stormwater issues. Therefore, staff recommends that the Stormwater Management and Watershed Stewardship Committee be dissolved.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approval of Resolution to dissolve the Stormwater Management and Watershed Stewardship Committee.

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Mayor Landry				
Mayor Pro Tem Gaff				
Council Member Crawford				
Council Member Fischer				

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Council Member Margolis				
Council Member Mutch				
Council Member Staudt				



## RESOLUTION

### DISSOLUTION OF THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

#### CITY COUNCIL

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Director of Public Services/  
City Engineer  
Rob Hayes

**WHEREAS,** in 2000, the Stormwater Management and Watershed Stewardship Committee was formed to recommend policy and to help administer the city's storm water management program; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Stormwater Management and Watershed Stewardship Committee played a valuable role in the development and adoption of a comprehensive Stormwater Management Ordinance in 2002; and,

**WHEREAS,** the City of Novi Engineering Division was established in 2002 and is charged with administering all aspects of the city's storm water management program, including enforcement and periodic updates of the storm water management ordinance, and annually updating the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Initiatives Plan; and,

**WHEREAS,** all of the functions previously provided by the Stormwater Management and Stewardship Committee are now performed by Engineering Division staff.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the City of Novi dissolve the Stormwater Management and Watershed Stewardship Committee.

#### CERTIFICATION

I, Maryanne Cornelius, duly appointed Clerk of the City of Novi, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Novi at a Regular meeting held this 25th day of October, 2010.

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**RESOLUTION**

**STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS,** in 1982, the residents of Novi approved a millage that resulted in the development of a Stormwater Management Master Plan and implementation of such; and,

**WHEREAS,** in 1999, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality issued a Certificate of Coverage (#MIG610030) under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System; and,

**WHEREAS,** both the City's Stormwater Program and Stormwater Permit are intended to protect and enhance the quality of life for residents of the City of Novi and peoples of the State of Michigan through sound management, sensible use, and aggressive protective efforts of our water resources, including storm waters; and,

**WHEREAS,** to these ends, the formation of a committee to recommend policy and guide the community's efforts is in order.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council hereby establish the Stormwater Management and Watershed Stewardship Committee which shall be comprised of seven residents at-large plus a member of Council as liaison.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Charge of the Stormwater Management and Watershed Stewardship Committee shall be to:

1. Conduct periodic reviews of the Storm Water Management Master Plan and make recommendations on updating and programs.
2. Conduct periodic reviews of the City's ordinances regarding zoning, land uses, design and construction standards, pollution prevention, water quality, etc., as they pertain to the City's water resources, including storm water.
3. Advise and participate in any subwatershed management plan development.
4. Develop and participate in public educational programs regarding the City's water resources.
5. Generally guide the City's effort in addressing water quality and water quantity issues.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the review, recommendation, and program proposals associated with the Stormwater Management and Watershed Stewardship Committee shall coincide with the City's annual budget process and be presented to the Mayor and Council for consideration at that time

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Maryanne Cornelius, duly appointed Clerk of the City of Novi, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Novi at a Regular meeting held this 24th day of July, 2000.

Maryanne Cornelius  
City Clerk

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## MEMORANDUM



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**TO:** CLAY PEARSON, CITY MANAGER  
**FROM:** ROB HAYES, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES  
**SUBJECT:** STORM WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
**DATE:** OCTOBER 6, 2010

10/6/10  
To: Mayor & City  
Council Member  
FVJ

The Storm Water Management and Watershed Stewardship Committee has a goal of helping to shape the City's storm water policies by discussing City storm water management and watershed issues, and providing ideas to maintain and protect the City's environment and natural features. The Committee was also formed to develop public education programs and manage other storm water related tasks.

Committee membership consists of seven members for two-year terms. Staff liaison for the Committee is Ben Croy of DPS's Engineering Division. The Committee typically meets only once or twice per year, but participation has been sporadic at best. Ben has frequently reported that he has had only one or no members in attendance at Committee meetings.

Since the formation of the Committee in 2000, the City has established an Engineering Division that manages the majority of the Committee's intended functions. This includes periodic review and updates to Novi's Storm Water Master Plan and other related policies, as well as the annual update of Novi's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Initiatives (SWPPI) plan, which is a program that is mandated by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment to reduce to the maximum extent possible the discharge of pollutants to the surface waters of the State. The SWPPI addresses public education and other storm water related issues the Committee was originally tasked with, but since the formation of the Engineering Division we have seen a reduced need for the Committee - especially given the diminished level of Committee members' participation.

For the reasons cited above, I recommend that the City of Novi's Storm Water Management and Watershed Stewardship Committee be disbanded.

cc: Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk  
Brian Coburn, Engineering Manager  
Ben Croy, Civil Engineer