

APPENDIX A



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Storm Water Commission Charter

The City Council may ask the following questions during the interview process.

1. The City's Vision statement is "Cedar Rapids is a vibrant urban hometown – a beacon for people and businesses invested in building a greater community for the next generation." How do you see this neighborhood planning process contributing to achieve that vision?
2. What experience or unique qualifications would make you a good citizen representative for the Storm Water Commission?
3. The Commission will meet at least once a month, and it is expected that members will have to meet with individual residents and neighborhood groups. Will you be able to obligate that amount of time?
4. What are some outcomes that you would like to see from this Commission?

Mission

Provide a timely and informed exchange between the public and City on flooding, water quality and storm water drainage issues within the City of Cedar Rapids jurisdiction.

Purpose and Need

Review, discuss, and seek consensus on advisory-level storm water management issues and present recommendations to City officials. The City will review these recommendations and make policy decisions, as appropriate, regarding its storm water management program and proposed storm water utility.

The City is subject to increasing state and federal water quality regulations and initiatives set forth in its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. This committee will assist in the City in fulfilling the following minimum control measures as required by the NPDES permit:

- Public Education and Outreach: Perform educational outreach regarding the harmful impacts of polluted storm water runoff.
- Public Participation/Involvement: Comply with State and local public notice requirements and encourage other avenues for citizen involvement.
- Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination: Implement a plan to detect and eliminate any non-storm water discharges to the MS4.
- Construction Site Runoff Control: Implement and enforce an erosion and sediment control program for construction activities.
- Post-construction Runoff Control: Implement and enforce a program to address discharges of post-construction storm water runoff from new development and redevelopment areas.
- Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping: Implement a program to reduce pollutant runoff from municipal operations and property.

This committee can also provide the following benefits:

- An independent review or "second opinion" could reduce number of drainage issues elevated to the City Council.
- Enhances the City's public information and outreach program as required by its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.