

## Local Stormwater Week Draft Proclamation

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**WHEREAS**, polluted stormwater runoff discharged into rivers, lakes, streams, and other waterways can result in the death of wildlife, destruction of vital ecosystems, contamination of drinking water resources, and disruption of recreational activity, threatening public health; and

**WHEREAS**, the Clean Water Act of 1972 prohibits the discharge of any pollutant to navigable waters of the United States, unless authorized by the Environmental Protection Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, a major source of pollutants in the navigable waters of the United States and Wisconsin is polluted urban and suburban stormwater runoff that flows directly into our waters, untreated; and

**WHEREAS**, the common sources of stormwater pollution are sediments, road salt, automotive chemicals, litter and debris, household hazardous chemicals, bacteria, nutrients, yard and pet waste; and

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative that pollutants be prevented from entering stormwater runoff from Wisconsin's roadways, homes, and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, stormwater runoff impacts water quality in the Bad Axe-La Crosse River Watershed, La Crosse-Pine Watershed, Little La Crosse River Watershed, Lower Black River Watershed, Lower La Crosse River Watershed, and Mississippi River-La Crescent Watershed in and around La Crosse County.

**WHEREAS**, we can minimize the impact on our waterways to continue to make the City of La Crosse, City of Onalaska, Town of Onalaska, Town of Campbell, Town of Shelby, Village of Holmen, Town of Holland, Village of West Salem, and City of La Crescent great place to live, work, and play

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The La Crosse Urban Stormwater Group joins communities around Wisconsin in recognizing the week of August 5-13, 2023, as

**WISCONSIN STORMWATER WEEK**