

**Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement
between the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District and the
City/Village/Town
to Recognize Joint TMDL Implementation Initiatives**

1. Parties

This Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement (Agreement) is between the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (District), acting through its Executive Director, and each signatory City/Village/Town (Municipality), acting through its chief executive, each as authorized by his or her respective governing body.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish a policy of collaboration between the District and the Municipality in their joint efforts to meet the requirements and goals of their respective permits and the recently completed Milwaukee Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) analysis for the District's jurisdictional streams. The District, pursuant to its WPDES Permit, and the Municipality, pursuant to its MS4 permit, enter into this agreement to, *inter alia*, move towards making progress on the TMDL requirements for local waterways as soon as possible. Each such effort shall be implemented through treatment plant, conveyance, watercourse, green infrastructure and watershed management projects (Projects). In order to document progress towards applicable TMDL reduction, the District and the Municipality hereby implement this Agreement, as approved by the District Commission, pursuant to the terms herein.

3. Basis for this Agreement

- A. Municipality has the ability to petition the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to count towards regulatory compliance the District projects for which they, as a contributing member of the District, provide financial contribution; and
- B. Municipality has the ability to petition the DNR to count other Municipal projects where another Municipality has signed onto this Agreement as contributing towards as steps towards regulatory compliance; and
- C. The District and municipalities work collaboratively to address requirements from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and DNR to improve the health of tributary watersheds while providing wastewater treatment and reclamation services, reducing overall pollutant loads, reducing flooding, and making progress toward general pollution reduction; and
- D. Recognizing watershed health, through biological and chemical indicators, is a reliable indicator of TMDL compliance progress and is less influenced by short-term variables than other commonly used water quality indicators; and

- E. The Municipality funds watershed work (via property tax for Member Communities or a capital charge in lieu of a property tax for Non-Member Communities); and
- F. Because overall reduction of watershed impairments and pollutant loads, and improved watershed biological health and biodiversity, is a result of certain treatment plant, conveyance, watercourse flood management and green infrastructure projects; and
- G. This Agreement will spell out the duties and obligations of the District and Municipality to collaboratively work together to implement water quality improvements that help the region meet water quality goals; and
- H. The District understands that the work the Municipality is implementing will assist in reducing surface flooding and reducing the pollutant loads to the rivers; and
- I. The Municipality understands that the work the District is implementing will assist them in reducing surface flooding and reducing the pollutant runoff loads to the rivers; and
- J. The Municipality is a party to this agreement with the District and wishes to count the work implemented by the District towards attaining compliance with its regulatory requirements; and
- K. Due to watercourse credits and green infrastructure credits, each municipality provides different levels of financial contributions to the District; and
- L. Nothing in this Agreement replaces or supersedes any independent obligation of the parties to reduce their respective contribution of pollutant loading to receiving waters prescribed under the TMDLs and improve overall watershed health and biodiversity. This Agreement merely acts as a supplement to, not a replacement of, those efforts and obligations.

4. District Responsibilities

The District will:

- A. continue to implement improvements to the Metropolitan Interceptor Sewer system, the Water Reclamation Facilities, and jurisdictional streams through flood management projects (including green infrastructure), and provide funding to municipalities who elect to participate in and implement stormwater management through green infrastructure and inflow reduction through private property inflow and infiltration; and
- B. provide each Municipality with a summary of projects implemented that year that impact water quality and achieve steps towards compliance with the TMDLs and

improved water quality. As part of the report, the District will identify each municipality's financial participation towards each project.

5. City/Village/Town Responsibilities

- A. The Municipality must be a contributing member of the District to count the work of the District as part of its regulatory compliance; and
- B. If the Municipality receives a watercourse credit, it cannot count the District's work in the credited watershed as part of its regulatory compliance regimen; and
- C. If the Municipality receives a green infrastructure credit, it cannot count other municipality or the District's work implementing green infrastructure as part of its regulatory compliance.

6. Effective Dates

This Agreement becomes effective on the date all parties have executed and shall remain in effect until it is terminated by either party, pursuant to Paragraph 12, or until any party advises the other, in writing, that it has achieved TMDL compliance.

7. Notices

- A. The District will provide notices to:

Municipality's Department of Public Works or Municipal Engineer

- B. The Municipality will provide notices to:

Susan Coyle, Hydraulic Modeler & Analyst
Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District
260 West Seeboth Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204-1446
scoyle@mmsd.com
414-225- 2086

- C. The District will provide executed copies of the notices electronically to:

Benjamin Benninghoff, NR Basin Supervisor
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
2300 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53212
benjamin.benninghoff@wisconsin.gov
414-263-8576

8. Modifying this Agreement

Any modification to this Agreement will be in writing and signed by all Parties.

9. Severability

If a court finds any part of this Agreement unenforceable, then the remainder of this Agreement continues in effect.

10. Applicable Law

The laws of the State of Wisconsin apply to this Agreement.

11. Resolving Disputes

If a dispute arises under this Agreement, the Parties agree to use their best efforts to cooperatively resolve any disputes. In the event the Parties are at impasse, either Party may terminate the Agreement in accordance with Paragraph 12 herein.

12. Termination

Either Party may terminate this Agreement at any time. To terminate this Agreement, a Party will provide written notice to the other Party. This notice will indicate the effective date of termination and the reasons for termination. A party opting out of the Agreement may, with the consent of both parties, opt back in.

13. Independence of the Parties

This Agreement does not create a partnership. Neither Party may enter into contracts on behalf of the other Party.

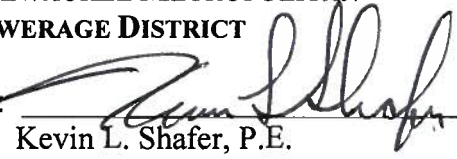
14. Authority of Signatories

Each person signing this Agreement certifies that the person is properly authorized by the Party's governing body to execute this Agreement.

15. Indemnification

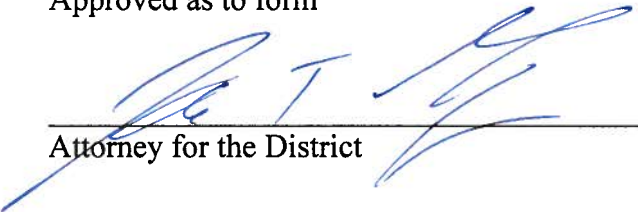
The District and the Municipality will be liable for their own negligent acts, errors, and omissions. If litigation requires one Party to respond for the acts, errors, or omissions of the other Party, then the other Party will hold the responding Party harmless for any losses, damages, costs, or expenses, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees and litigation expenses.

**MILWAUKEE METROPOLITAN
SEWERAGE DISTRICT**

By: 
Kevin L. Shafer, P.E.
Executive Director

Date: 5/22/18

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