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Governor Tony Evers  
115 E. Capitol Dr. #1  
Madison, WI 53702

RE: Support for Wisconsin Stormwater Week

Dear Governor Evers,

Dane County is fortunate to have an abundance of lakes, rivers, streams and wetlands to enjoy. These waters provide habitat for wildlife, recreational opportunities, and a natural escape for residents and visitors alike. Keeping our waters clean for all to enjoy is critical to maintaining a healthy, thriving community. Unfortunately, polluted stormwater runoff from driveways, streets, sidewalks, and other impervious surfaces continues to threaten the health of our local waters.

The Madison Area Municipal Stormwater Partnership (MAMSWaP) and its 21 members are subject to the requirements listed in the Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) Permit, which allows them to discharge stormwater from their individual municipal separate storm sewer systems. MAMSWaP members work cooperatively to meet the information, education, and outreach goals listed in their WPDES permit by developing and implementing a regional education and outreach plan to engage target audiences on stormwater pollution prevention efforts. Through initiatives like our Plant Dane Native Plant program, Free Native Plants for School and Community Groups grant, storm drain mural program, rain barrel reimbursement program, and the Leaf-free Streets for Clean Waters campaign, we're helping residents take action to keep polluted runoff out of our waters.

To further our mission, MAMSWaP is collaborating with municipalities, organizations, and agencies across Wisconsin to coordinate Wisconsin Stormwater Week. The goal of Wisconsin Stormwater Week is to raise awareness about stormwater pollution and encourage residents to take actions to prevent stormwater pollution from reaching our waters. This week-long, statewide education campaign will include trainings, events, and resources to engage residents in efforts to reduce stormwater runoff and ensure that only rain goes down the storm drain.

MAMSWaP supports an official proclamation to recognize August 5-13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as Wisconsin Stormwater Week. Your proclamation will help bring attention to this important issue and the need for everyone to do their part to protect our precious water resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christal Campbell".

Christal Campbell  
Stormwater Education Coordinator  
Madison Area Municipal Stormwater Partnership

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeremy Balousek".

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