

MEMORANDUM

August 6, 2021

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Commission

VIA: James Slaton, City Manager

FROM: Sarah B. Kirkland, Utilities Director

SUBJECT: Resolution 2021-17 Stormwater Watershed Management Plan

SYNOPSIS: In order to receive State Revolving Loan Funds (SRF) for any given project, a resolution has to be adopted by the city stating its financial position and the authority to apply for these funds.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Commission consider taking the following action:

1. Adopt Resolution 2021-17 Stormwater Watershed Management Plan.

BACKGROUND

The main purposes of watershed management is to look at all the natural resources in a watershed, especially water, land and soil. Watershed management provides a framework for assessing the ways in which those resources are used, what affects them, and how they can best be used and protected. A watershed is simply the geographic area through which water flows across the land and drains into a common body of water, whether a stream, river, lake, or ocean. The watershed boundary will more or less follow the highest ridgeline around the stream channels and meet at the bottom or lowest point of the land where water flows out of the watershed, the mouth of the waterway. Much of the water comes from rainfall and stormwater runoff. The quality and quantity of stormwater is affected by all the alterations to the land. Upon completion of the plan, recommendations will be offered to address several different components. (i.e. road flooding and lake quality)

A request for inclusion was submitted, by staff to SRF, with all the accompanying documentation, so the City could be placed on the SRF funding list that was announced on June 2, 2021. The next step in the process is to submit the application, an adopted resolution, letter of legal opinion and all other accompanying documentation. The resolution states, the Florida Administrative Code rules require authorization to apply for loans, to establish pledged revenues, to designate an authorized representative; to provide assurances of compliance with loan program requirements; and to enter into a loan agreement. Staff is recommending the City Commission adopt Resolution 2021-17 Stormwater Watershed Management Plan.

OPTIONS

None. Without the adoption of Resolution 2021-17 the City would not be eligible to apply or receive SRF funds for the creation of this study.

FISCAL IMPACT

None at this time. Once a contract has been proposed by SRF, it will be brought back before this Commission for approval.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution 2021-17

Resolution 2021-17 Exhibit A