



**CITY COUNCIL Agenda Item #19-063(d)**

**Date: February 27, 2019**

**Consent X Discussion \_ **Time Sensitive: X****

**SUBJECT:** Adoption of the Stormwater Master Plan – City of Montpelier, Vermont dated October 2016

**SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT:** Planning & Community Development

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Council should adopt the Stormwater Master Plan – City of Montpelier, Vermont (dated October 2016).

**RELATED COUNCIL GOAL/PRIOR ACTION:** Environmental Stewardship: Develop resilient designs and standards for addressing stormwater issues.

**EXPENDITURE REQUIRED:** None

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:** N/A

**LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:** Adoption is necessary for FEMA- CRS credits needed for insurance rating update in March 2019.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** In July 2015, Stone Environmental was awarded a contract after an RFP process to create a Stormwater Master Plan for the City. This plan included the following steps:

1. Collect and review existing plans and documents
2. Identify problem areas
3. Identify and map projected growth areas and anticipated capital projects
4. Interpret and project future pollutant reduction requirements and supporting practices
5. Define implementation alternatives
6. Refine identified opportunities based on physical inspection
7. Create a draft stormwater master plan for the city

Stone Environmental completed this project in October 2016 and held a hearing on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Although warned for adoption by the Council, no motion was made to adopt the plan following the presentation and public comment.

Fast-forward to 2019 and Audra Brown, Planning & Zoning Assistant is working on renewal of the City's Community Rating System (CRS) ranking through FEMA. The more points we can document for the CRS program then the more FEMA will reduce insurance rates for those with flood insurance. A good place for the city to get those additional points is if the City has an adopted Stormwater Management Plan. As we have a plan and the Department of Public Works has been working to implement the projects laid out in the Stormwater Plan we should take the step to formalize its status as an adopted plan. If Council would like a presentation at a later date the planning department would be happy to re-present the power point from 2016. Alternatively, Julie Moore (formerly of

Stone Environmental) made an excellent [presentation which can be viewed by clicking this link.](#)

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:** [Click here to view a copy of the Stormwater Master Plan](#)

**INTERESTED PARTIES:** Planning Commission, Department of Public Works

**CITY MANAGER'S APPROVAL:**

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