



## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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Date May 26, 2016

TO: Brian Kischnick, City Manager

FROM: Kurt Bovensiepe, Interim Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Authorization to Participate in WaterTowns Initiative

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### **History**

The Clinton River Watershed consists of 760 square miles, which includes 4 counties and 72 communities. The Clinton River is a gateway to Lake St. Clair and is protected by the Clinton River Watershed Council (CRWC). For over 44 years, the CRWC has been providing opportunities to communities in its district to assist in the protection of this natural resource. The City of Troy has been a member of the Clinton River Watershed Council for over 15 years. As a member, the city was contacted to participate in an initiative called WaterTowns. WaterTowns is an initiative that uses local college graduates and an assigned professor to conceptually design green infrastructure improvements to municipal facilities. The city would receive conceptual site plans showing suggested green infrastructure improvements, artistic renderings of suggested green infrastructure improvements, storm water volume reduction estimates, and generalized cost estimates. This service is provided at no cost to the city and there is no obligation to the city to fulfil the proposed plans. After meeting with representatives from WaterTowns, the selected sites include Brinston Park, Raintree Park, and the Police and Fire Training Center.

### **Options:**

City Administration suggests approval of a resolution to participate in the WaterTowns initiative with the understanding there will be no cost to the city and no obligation to construct any proposed design.