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## **City of Cudahy to Receive \$161,800 in Grant Funding for Green Infrastructure Project(s)**

The City of Cudahy Engineering Department applied for and received a \$63,300 storm water grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and a \$98,500 grant from the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District for the construction of “green infrastructure”. Green infrastructure helps filter out pollutants from surface water before it enters streams and lakes. The City will be installing porous pavers with a blast furnace slag aggregate base course to act as a filter bed for storm water on its projects. Due to Cudahy’s close proximity to Lake Michigan it is very important that we remove as many pollutants as we can before the storm water reaches the Lake. In addition, Cities are now required to meet stricter regulations set by the Wisconsin DNR and the EPA to reduce phosphorus and organic matter from the water ways. Phosphorous, fertilizers and organics are pollutants that increase the growth of algae that you often see floating on the top of the water in Lake Michigan. Not only does green infrastructure help reduce pollutants it also minimizes the impacts of flooding during heavy down pours.

The work is expected to begin around late August of this year. Projects will involve the reconstruction of the City Hall front parking lot, the Squire Avenue public parking and the alley in the 3500 block between E. Squire and E. Layton Avenue.