




TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
Urban County Council

FROM: 
Charles H. Martin, P.E., Director
Division of Water Quality

DATE: November 5, 2020

SUBJECT: Request Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Bluegrass Community and Technical College to Coordinate Student Volunteers to Provide Water Quality Monitoring in the Town Branch Watershed

Request

The approval of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Bluegrass Community and Technical College (BCTC) to train and coordinate student volunteers who will conduct water quality monitoring in the spring of 2021 in the Town Branch Watershed. The monitoring fulfills a component of LFUCG's Watershed-Focused Monitoring Program (WFMP) which is a requirement of the city's Kentucky Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (KDPES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit.

Purpose of Request

BCTC's Environmental Science Technology Coordinator can incorporate a component of the WFMP data collection into the syllabus for a class which will provide real-world field experience for students seeking a degree in Environmental Science Technology. The Division of Water Quality desires to engage the students in the WFMP and can save time and resources by partnering with BCTC to execute a portion of the data collection.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?

There is no cost associated with the MOA.

Are the funds budgeted?

N/A

Director/Commissioner: Martin/Albright

