



**Mission:**  
To restore, protect and promote the Pheasant Branch Conservancy and watershed  
for today and tomorrow.

June 17, 2024

Dear Mayor and Common Council Members,

The Friends of Pheasant Branch Conservancy Board (FOPBC) writes to express our strong support for Resolution 2024-30 (version 2), which proposes a referendum on the City of Middleton's Stormwater Utility annual charge.

FOPBC recognizes the vital role that a well-funded stormwater management program plays in protecting the health of our waterways, including Pheasant Branch Creek. Effective storm water management reduces flooding, prevents erosion, and protects water quality, all of which are essential for the health of the Conservancy's natural habitats and the wildlife that depend on them.

The 2023 rate study's recommendation for an increased annual Equivalent Runoff Unit (ERU) rate reflects the true cost of maintaining and improving our stormwater infrastructure. We believe it is crucial to ensure the long-term sustainability of this program through dedicated funding, independent of property tax limitations.

We urge the Common Council to approve Resolution 2024-30 (version 2) and encourage Middleton residents to vote 'Yes' on the upcoming referendum. A secure funding source for storm water management is an investment in the future of our environment and our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Pam Shannon and Hans Hilbert  
Co-Presidents, FOPBC Board of Directors